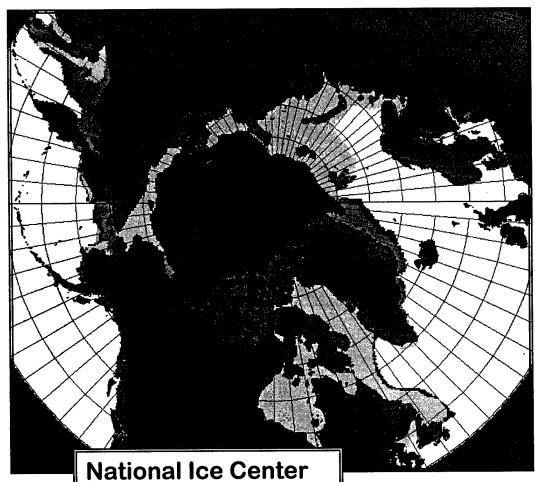


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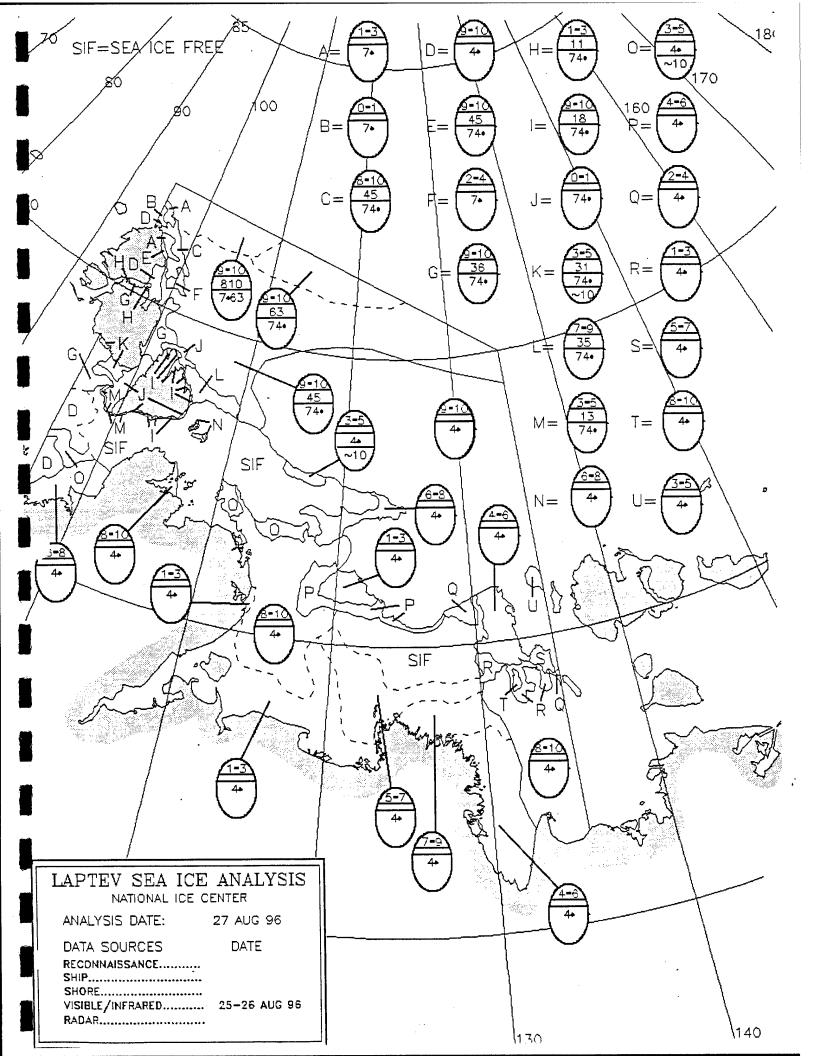
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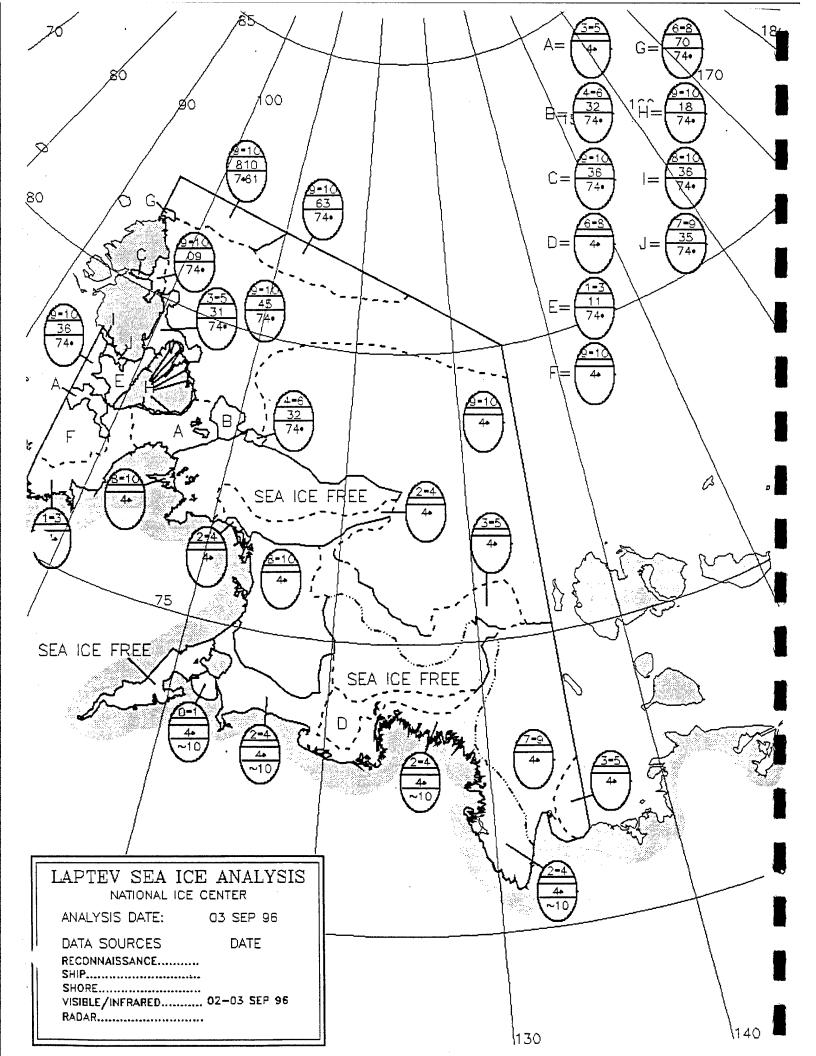
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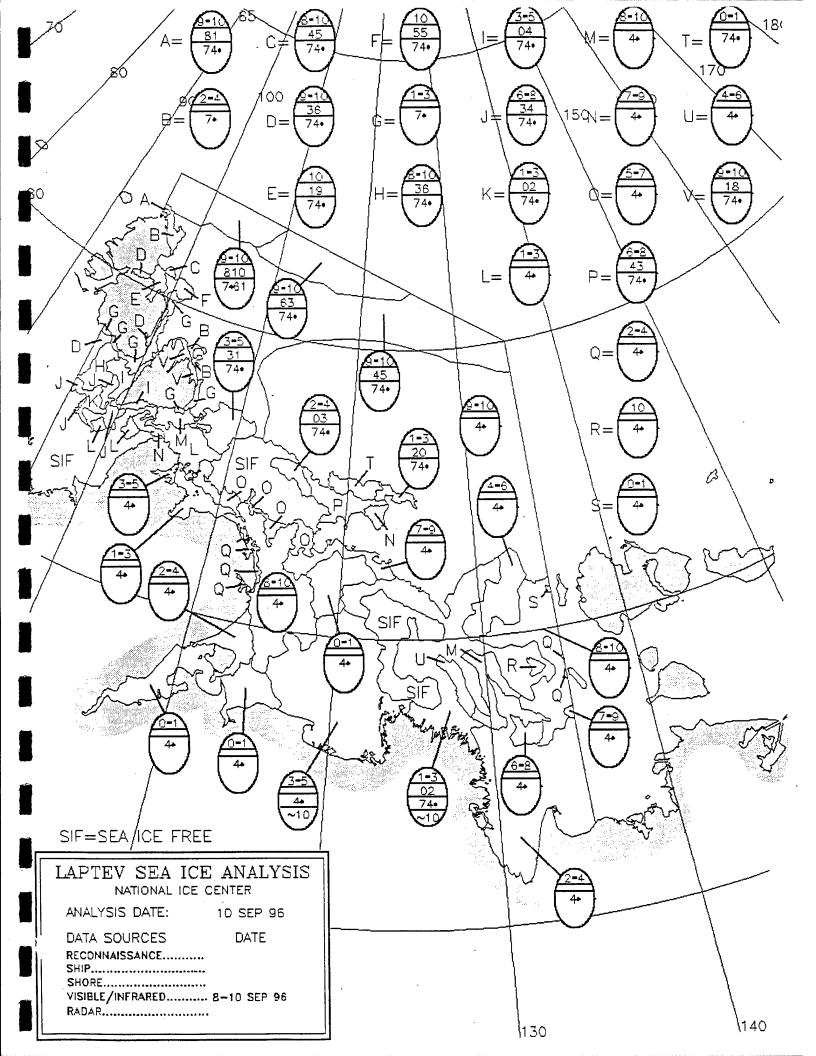
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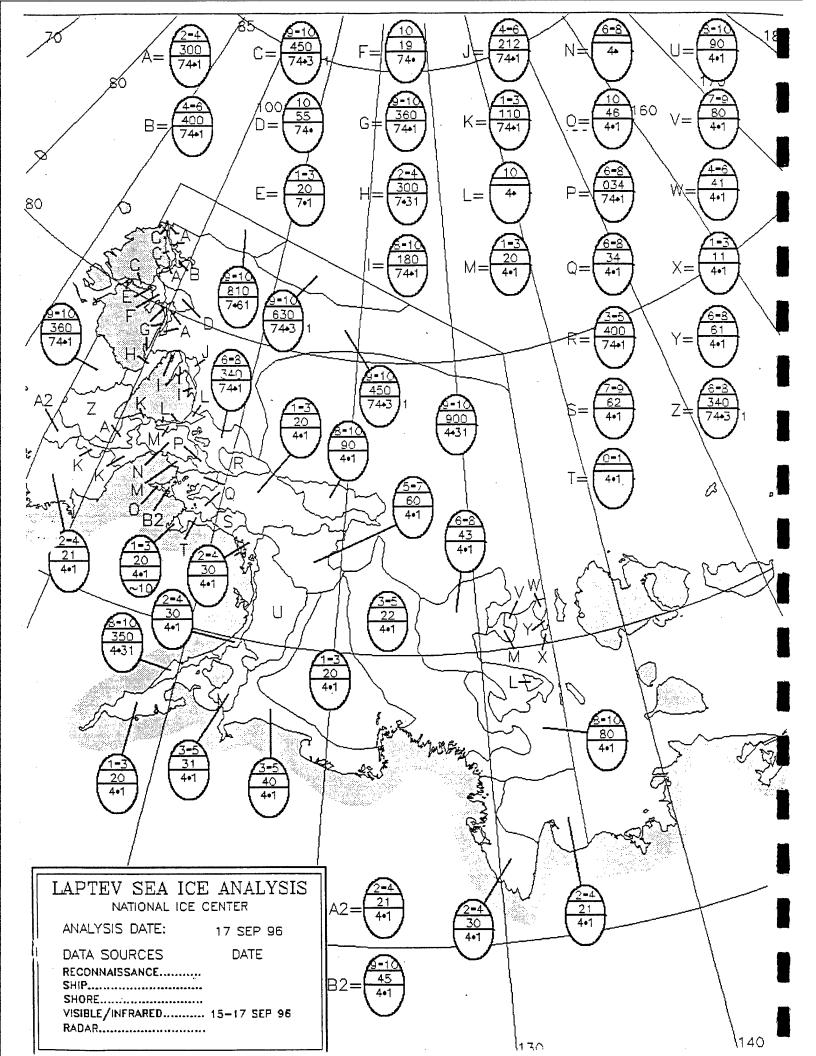
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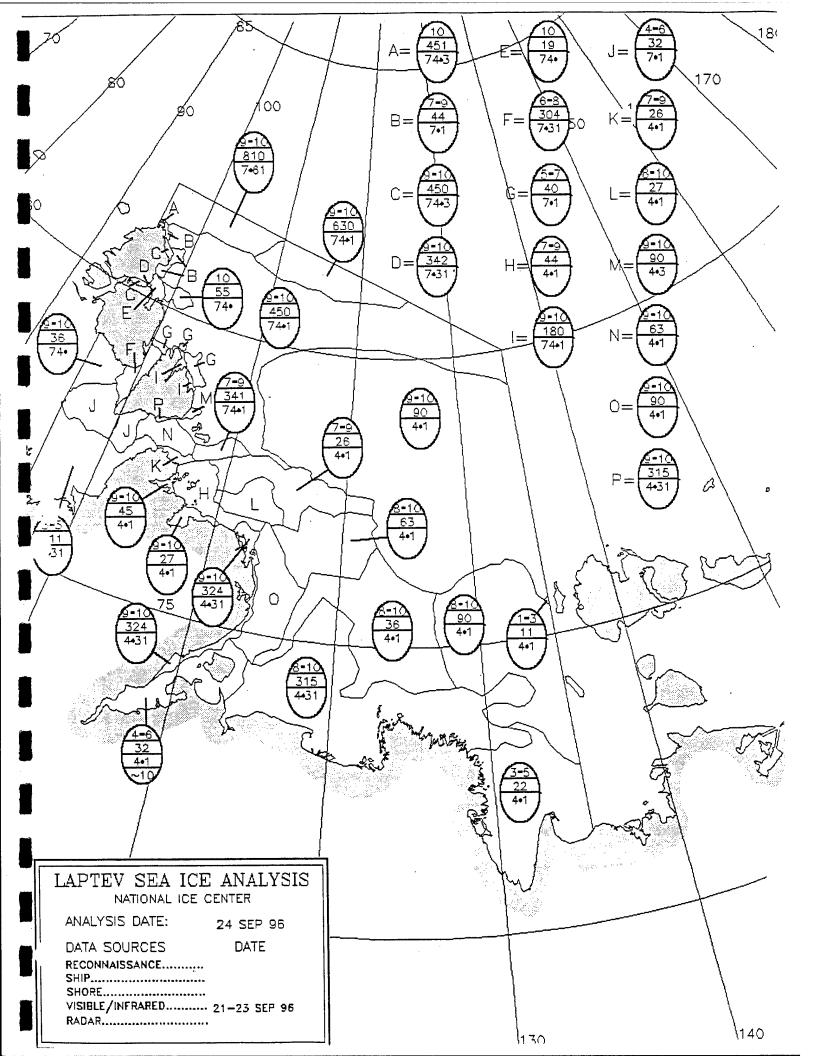
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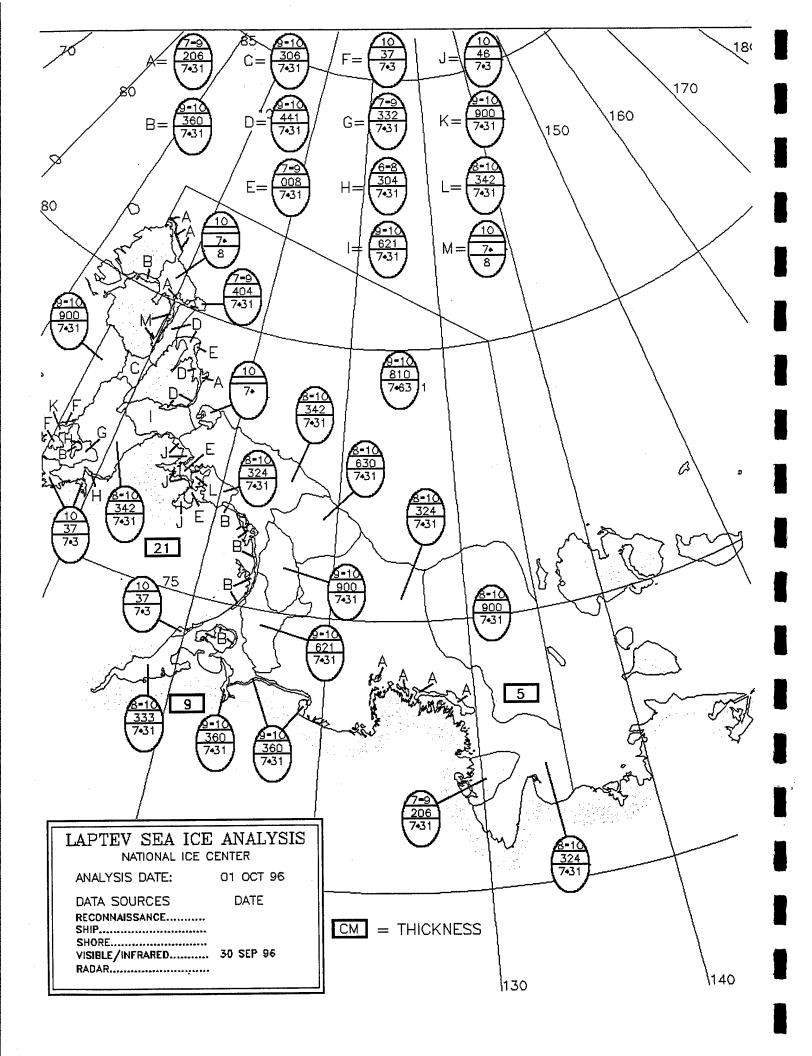


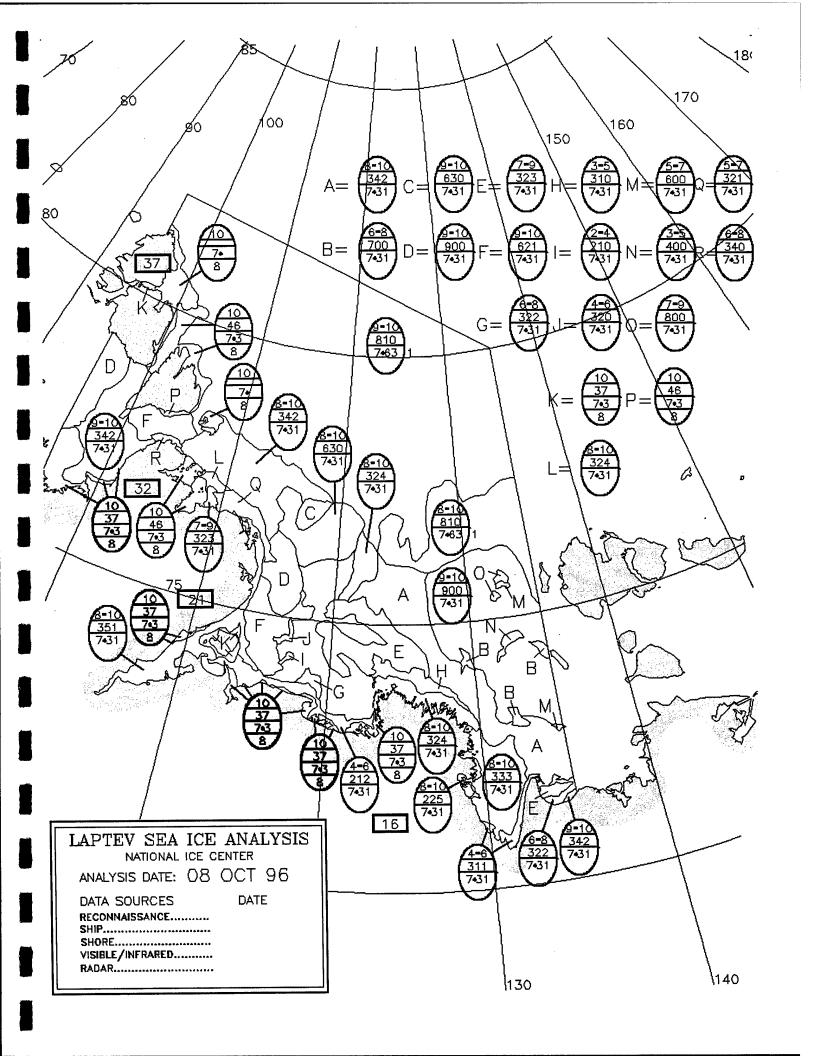


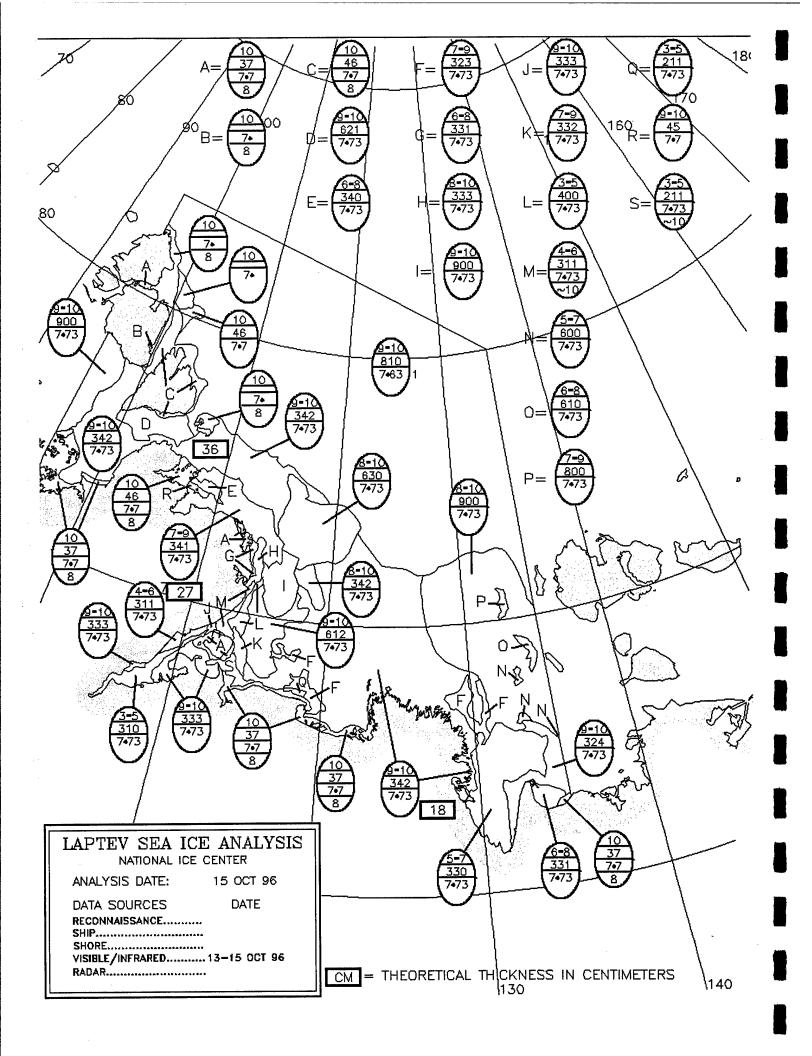


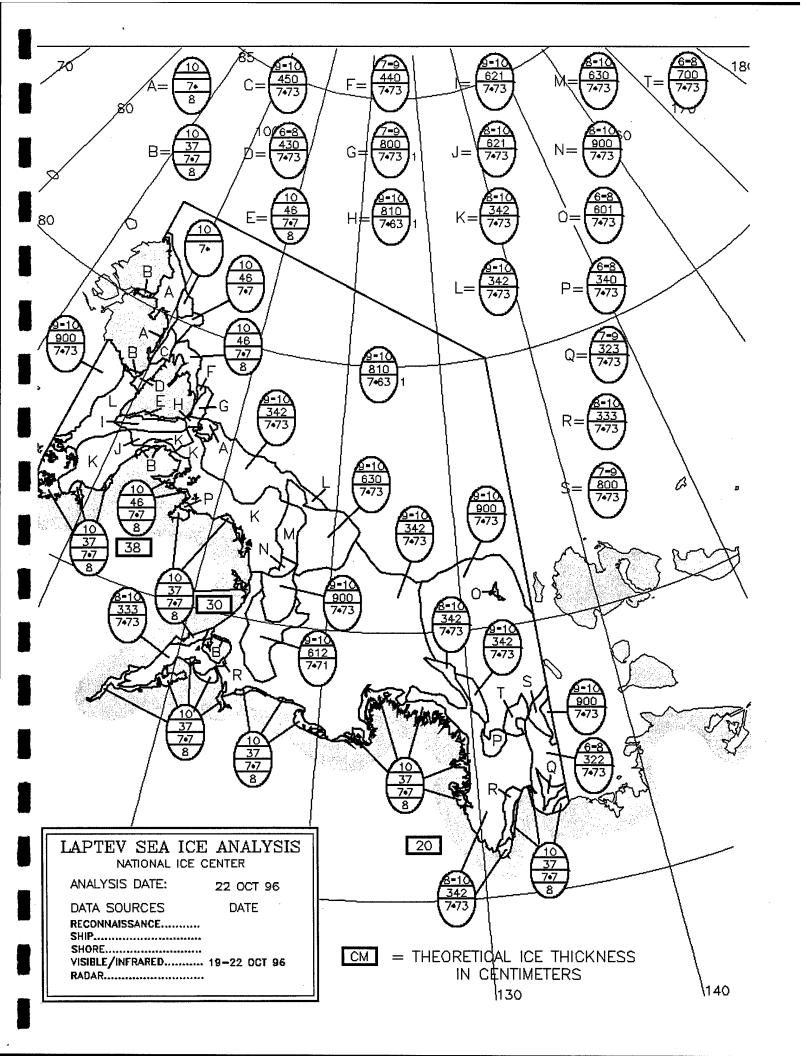


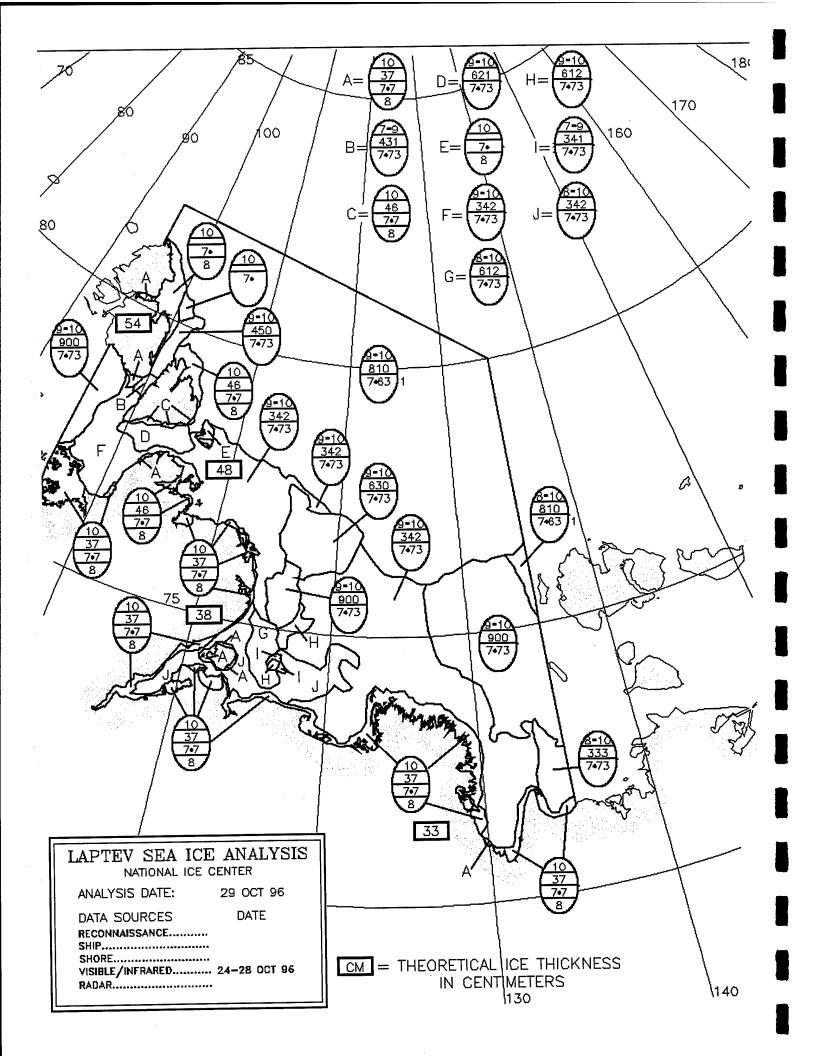


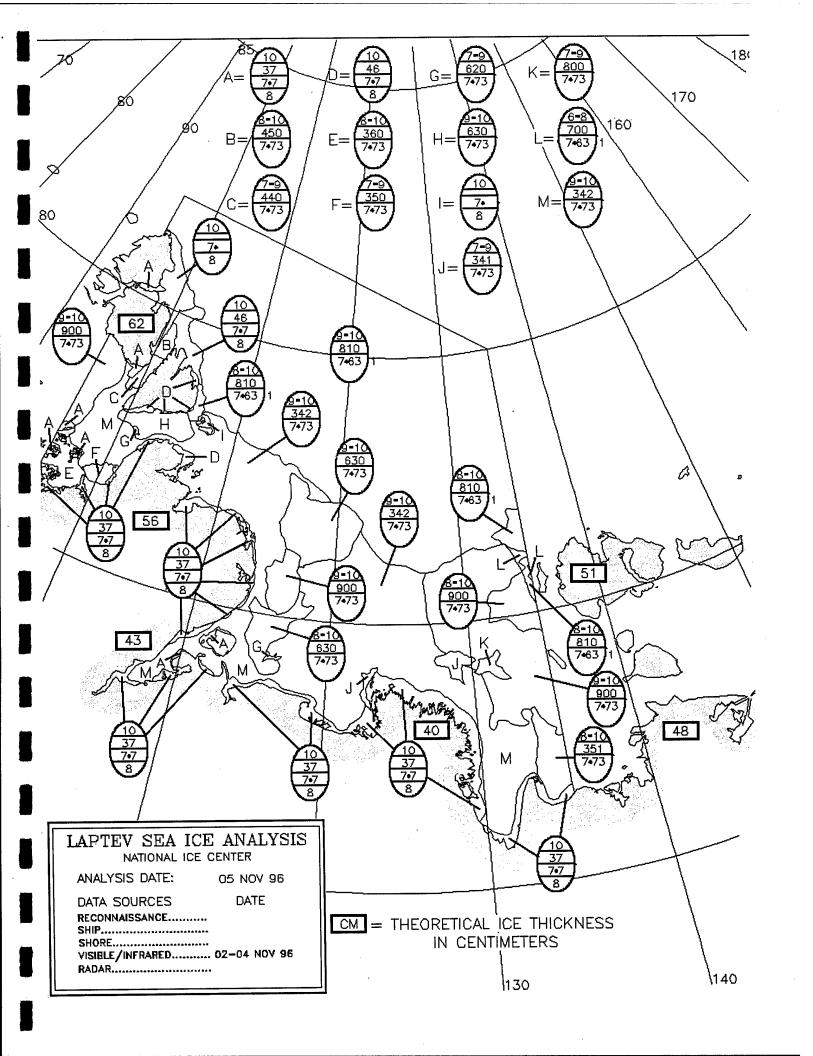


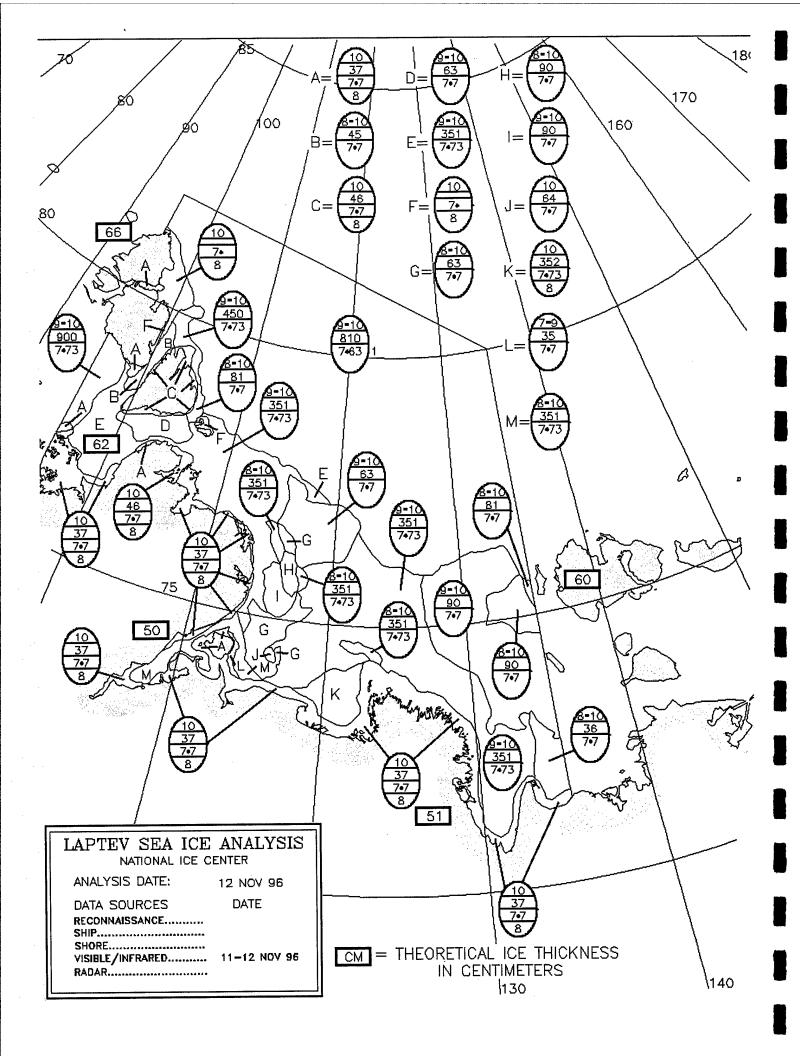


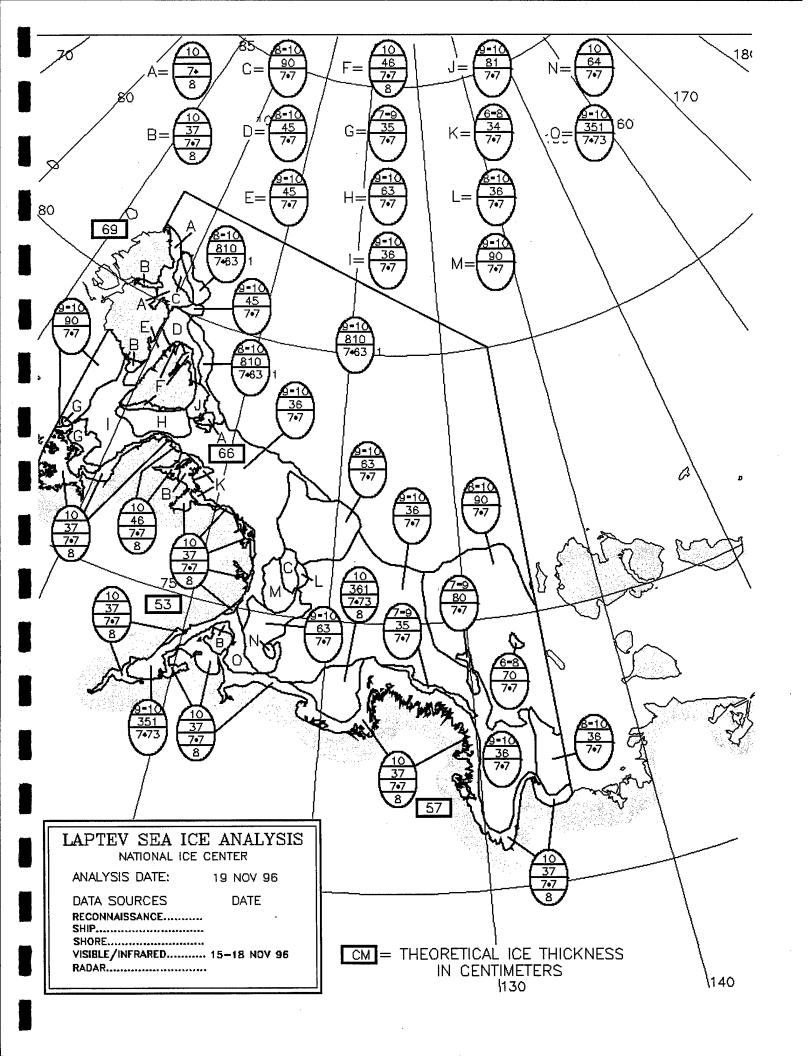


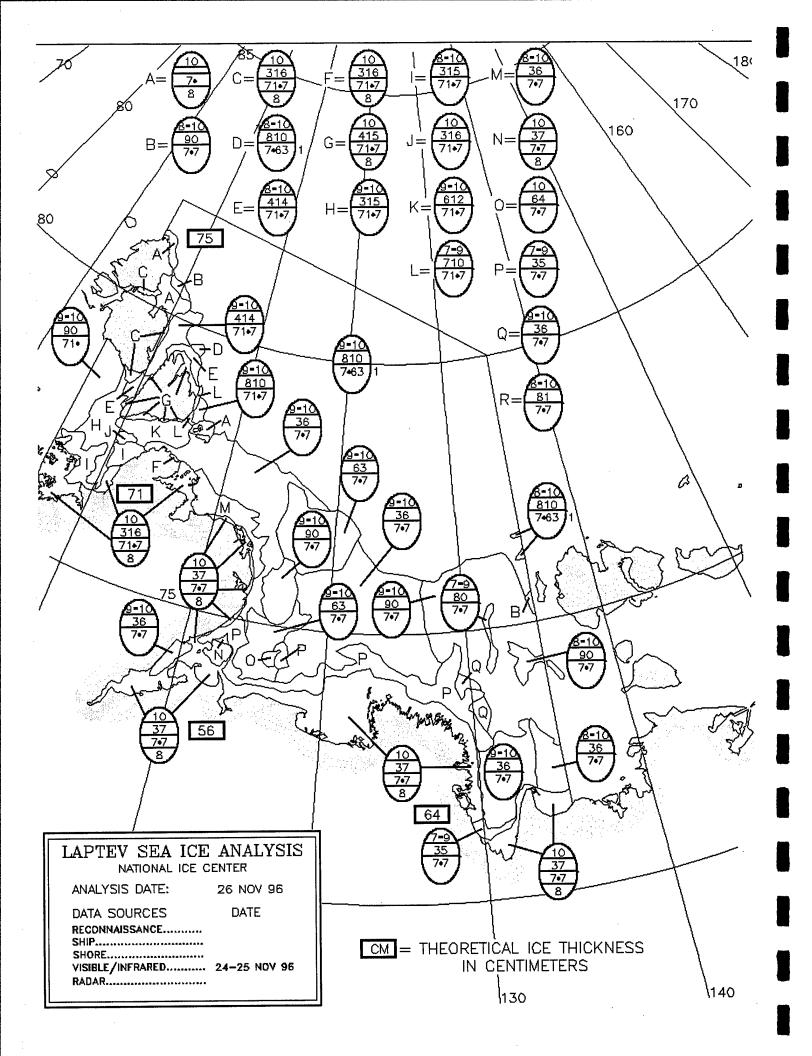


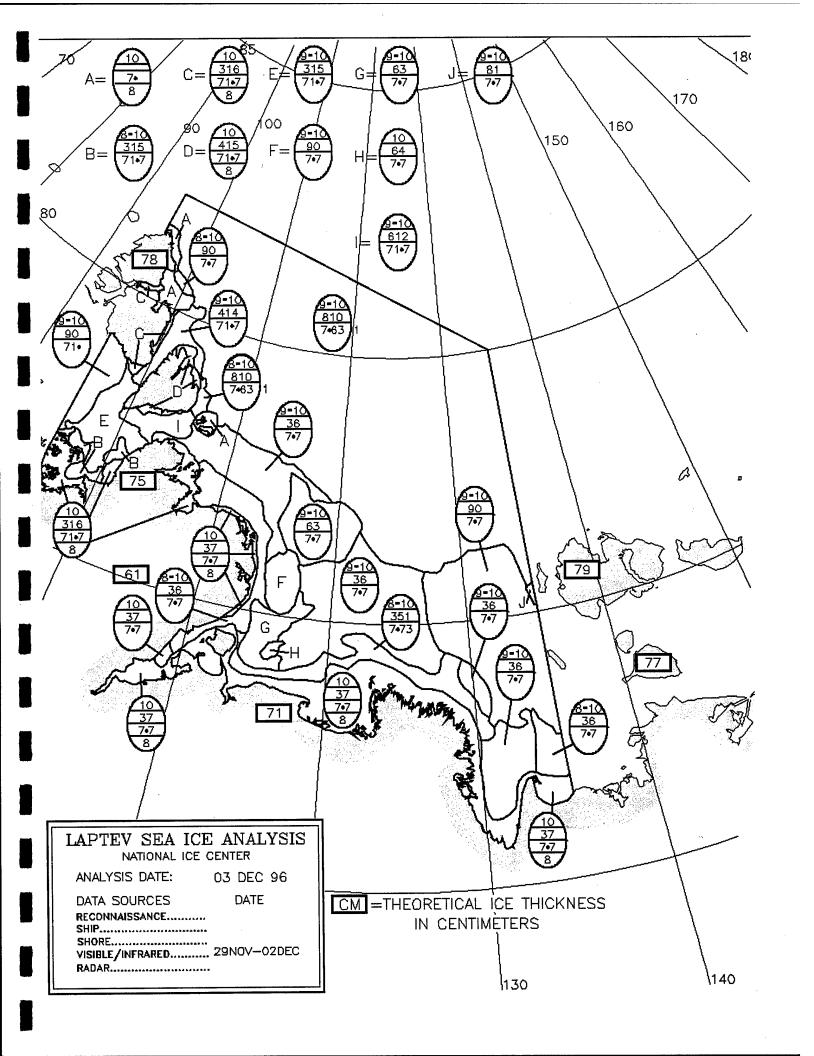


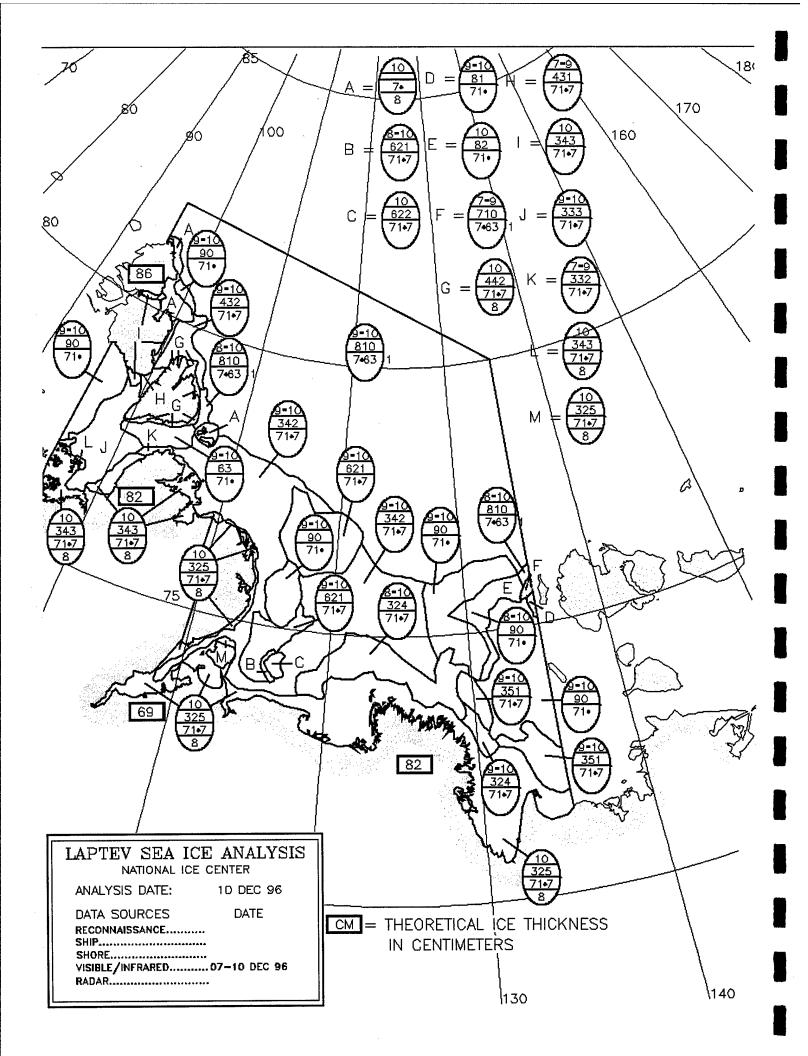


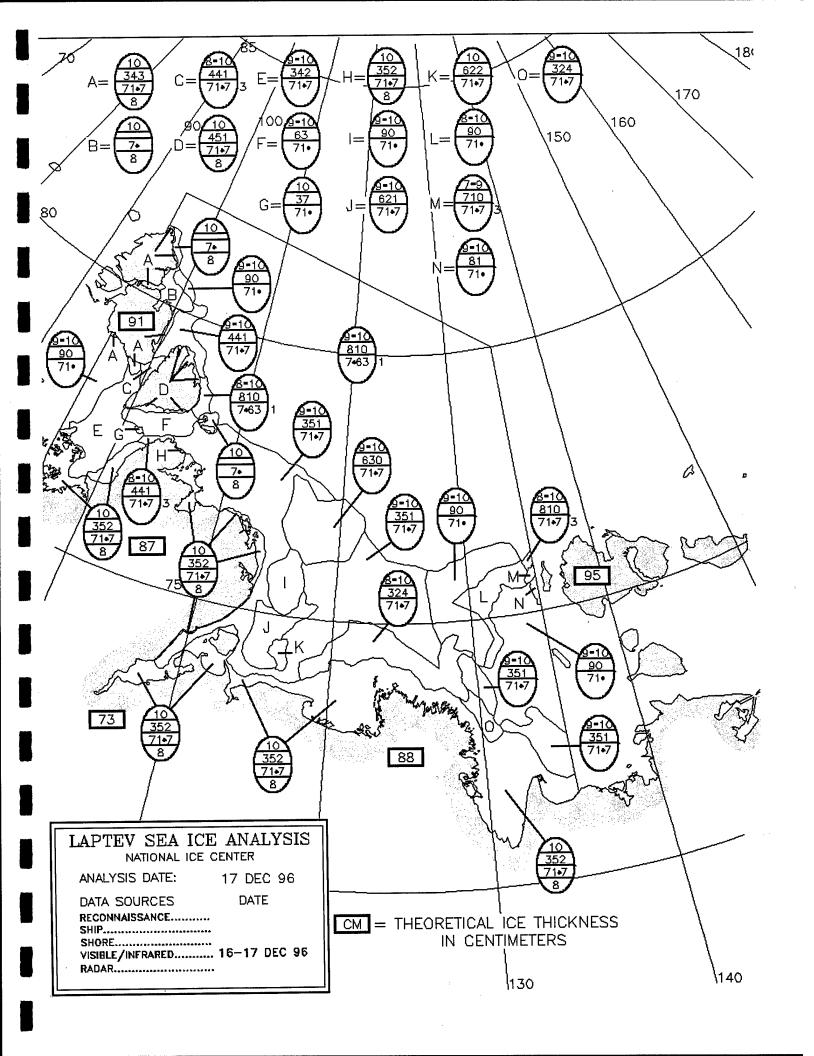


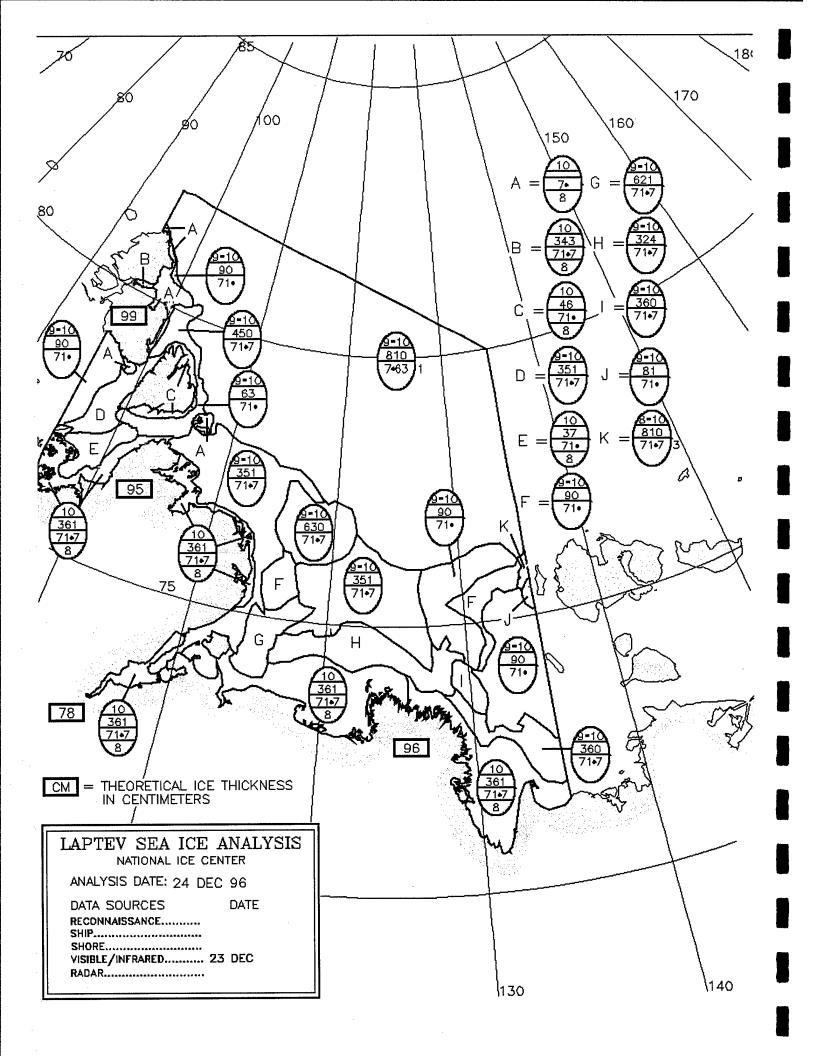


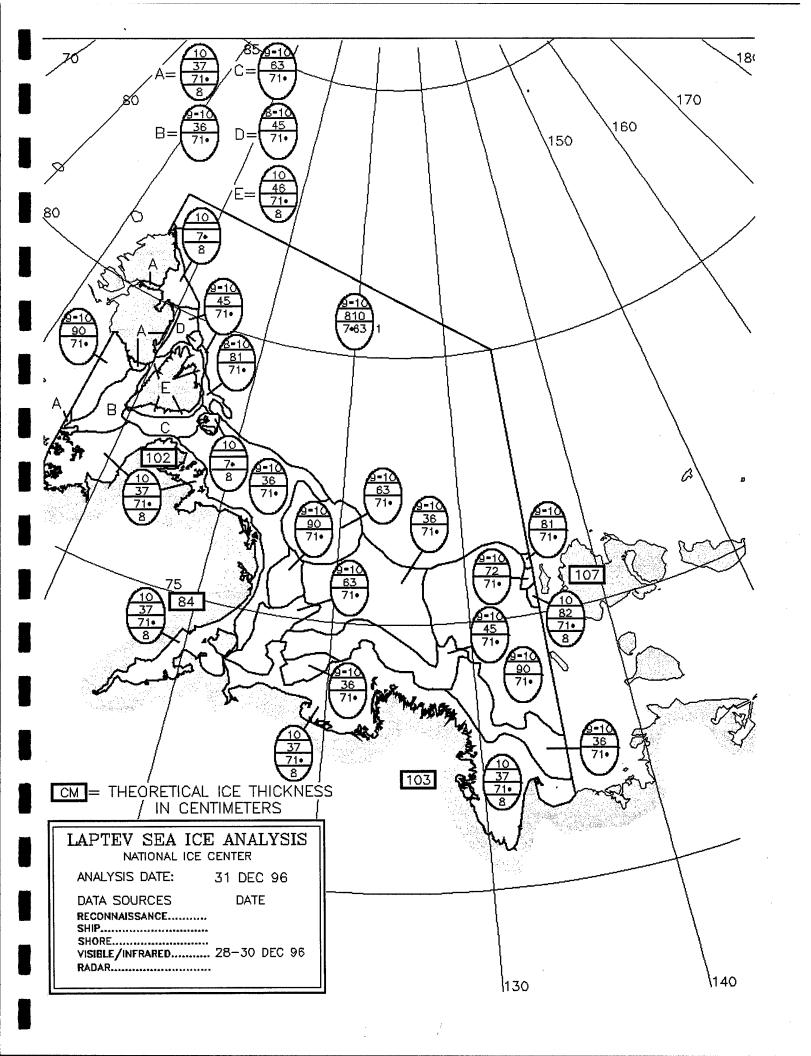


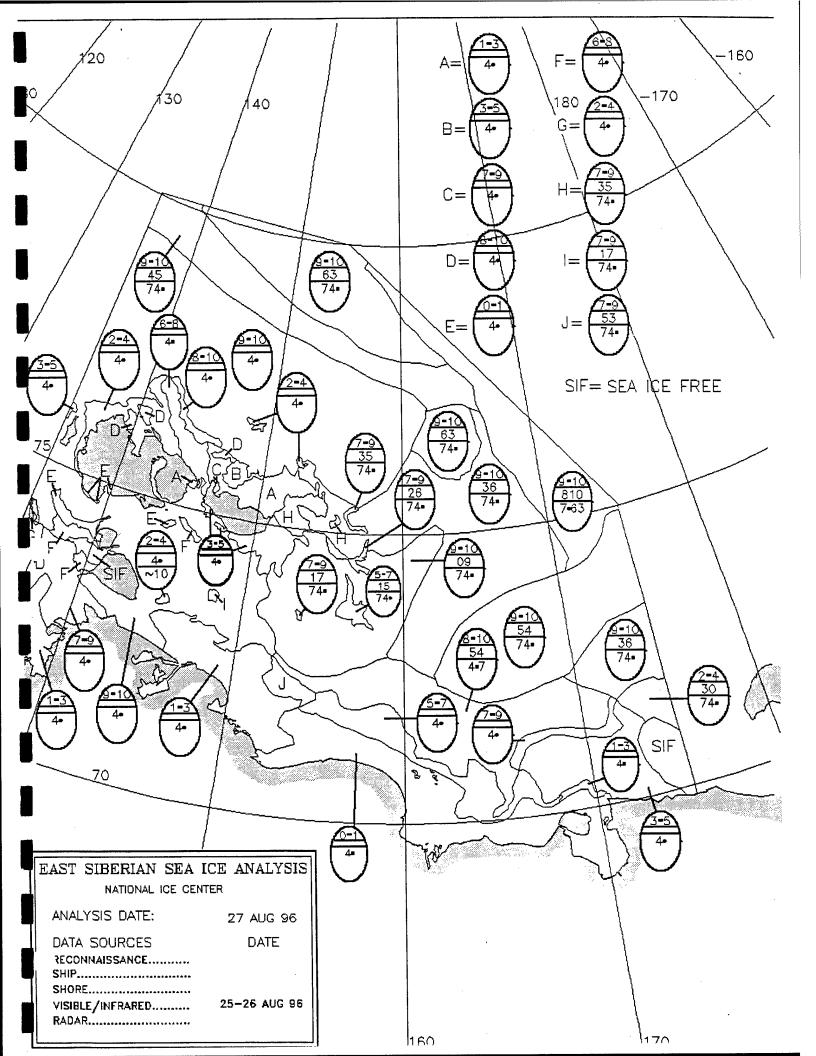


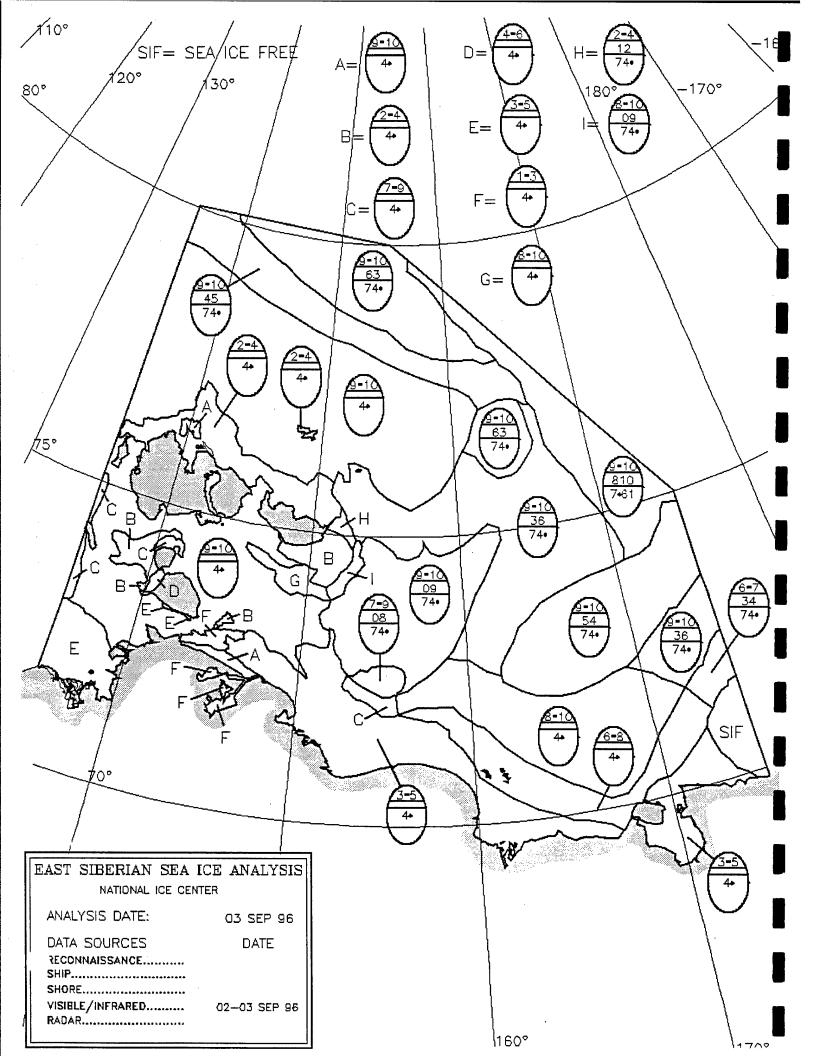


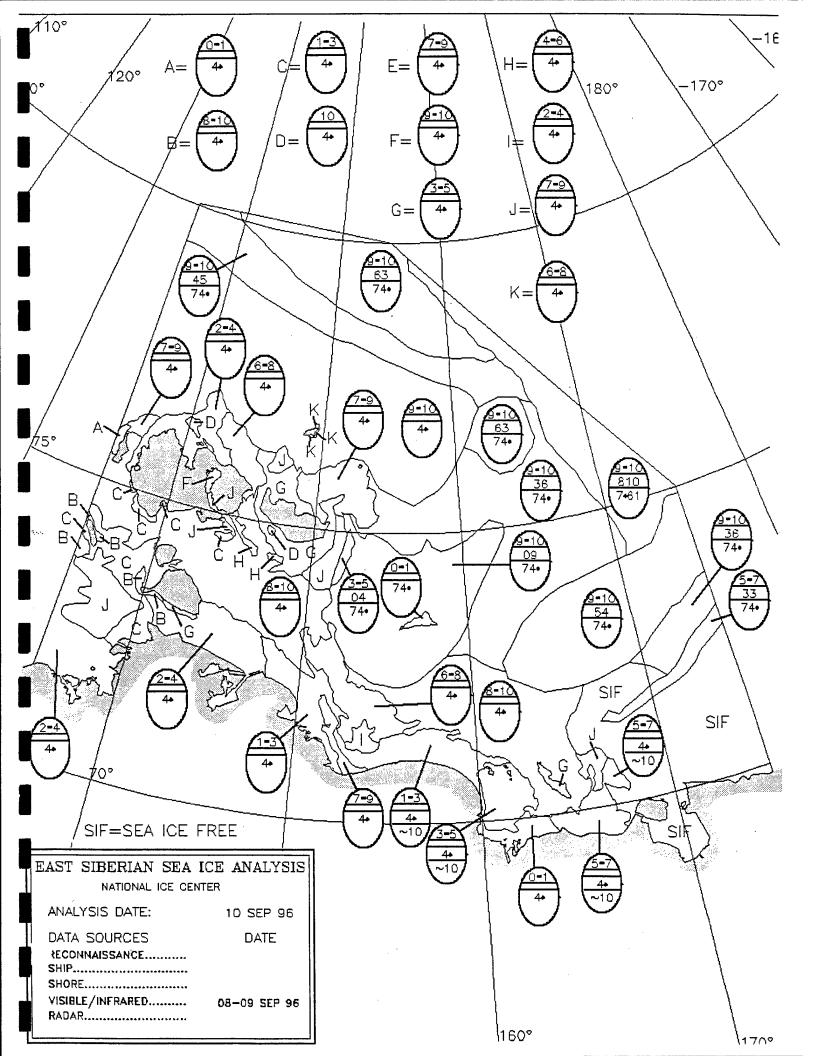


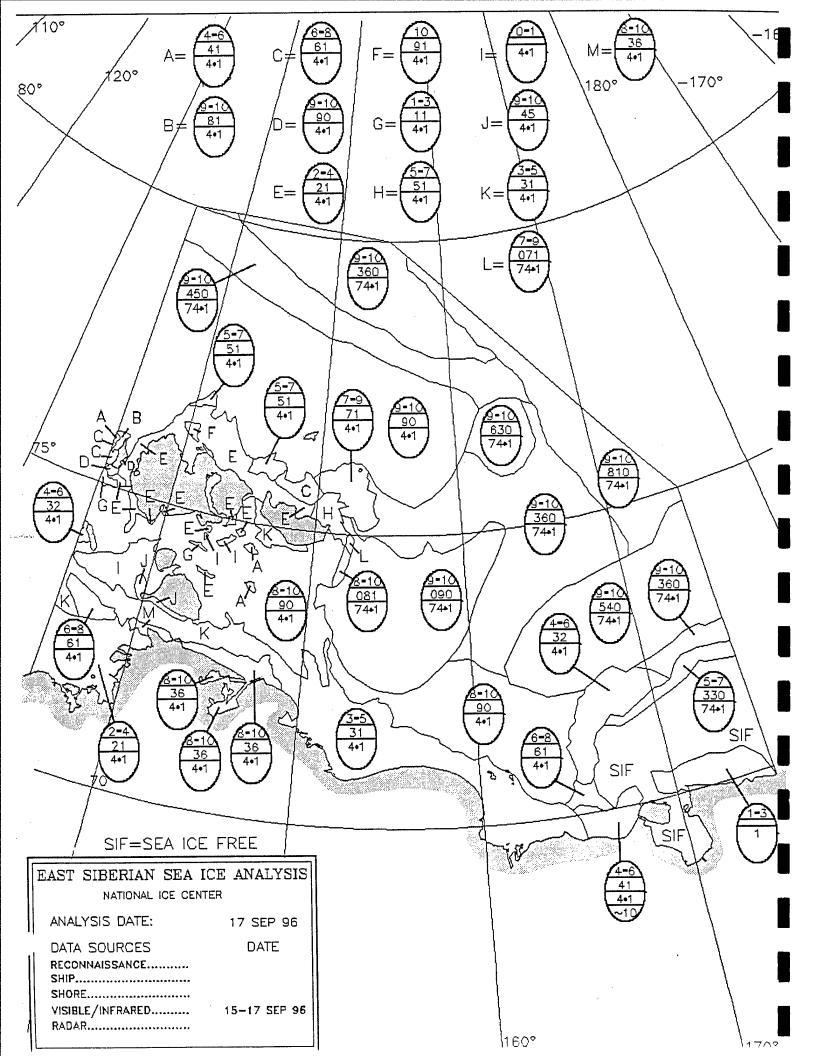


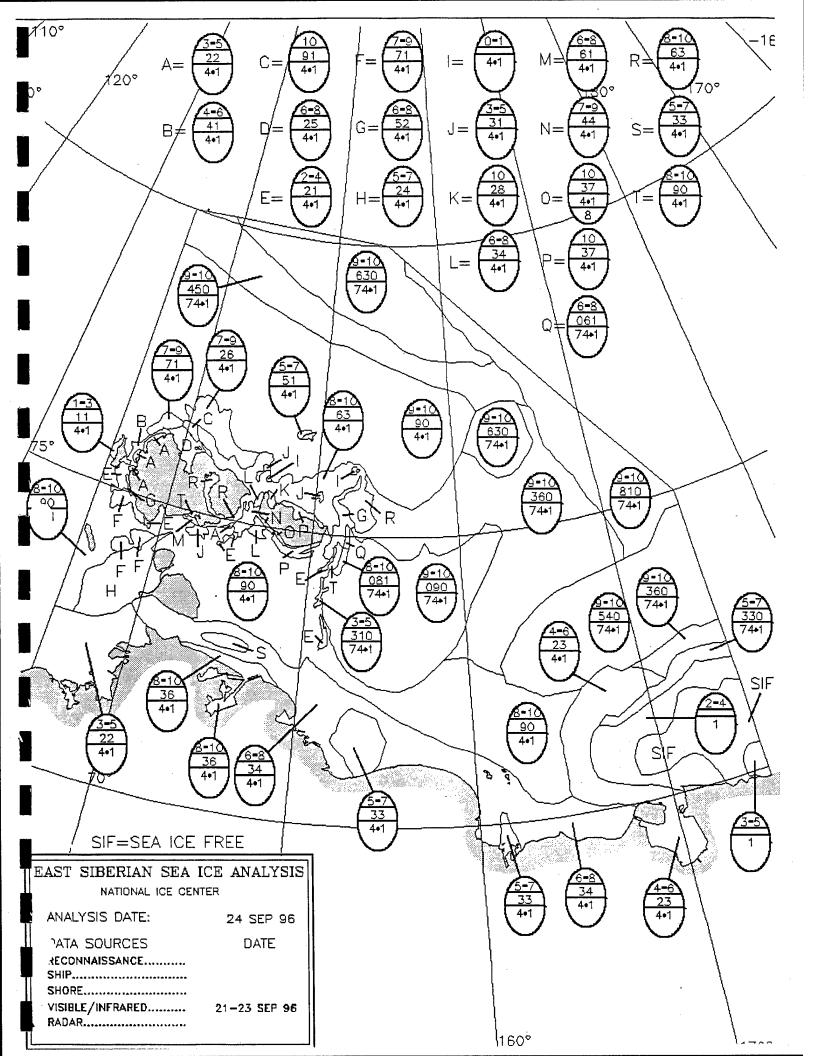


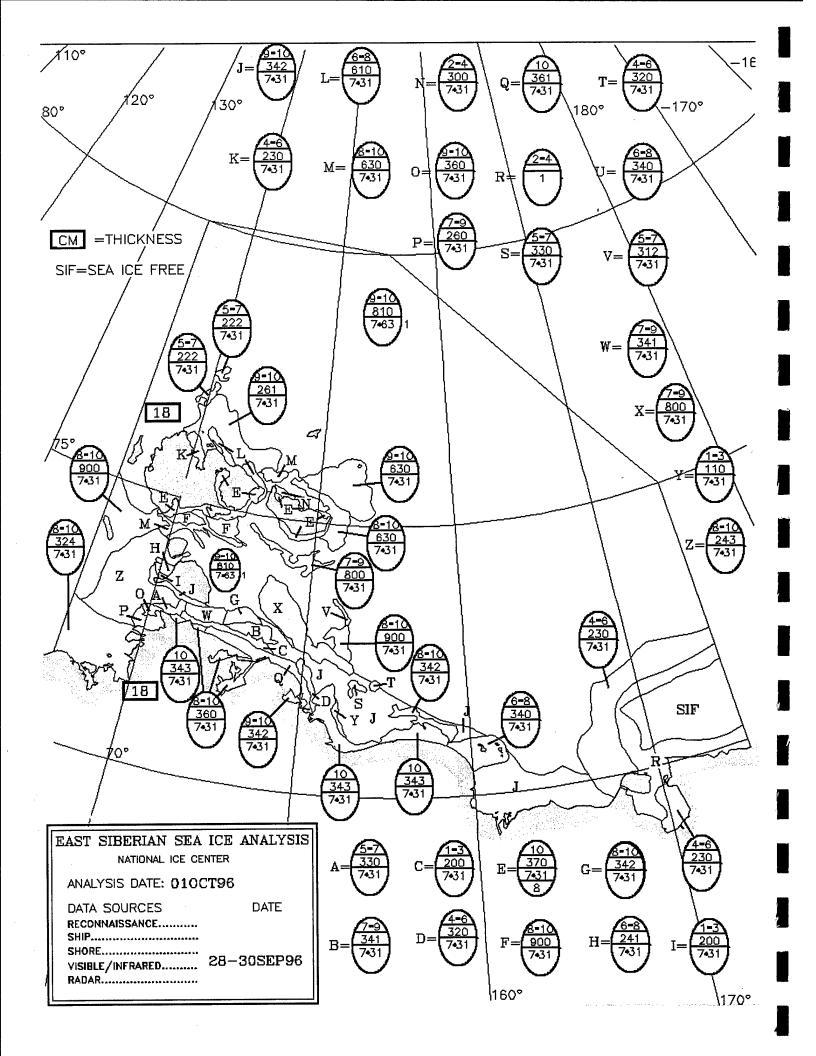


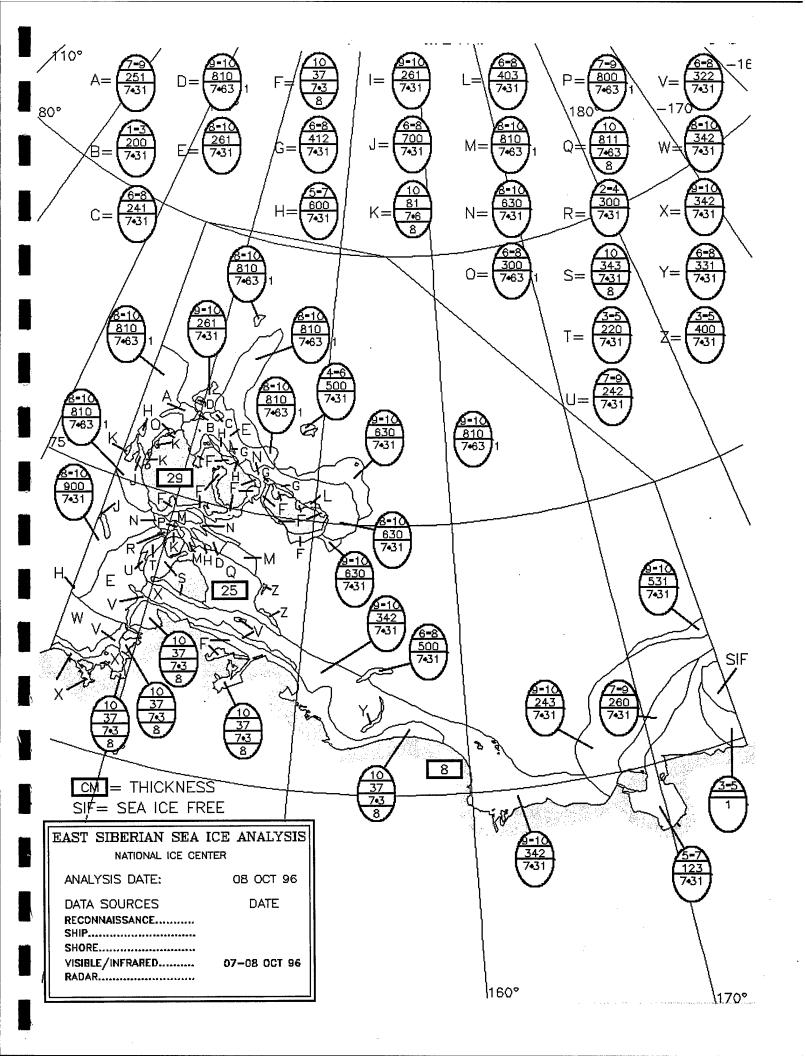


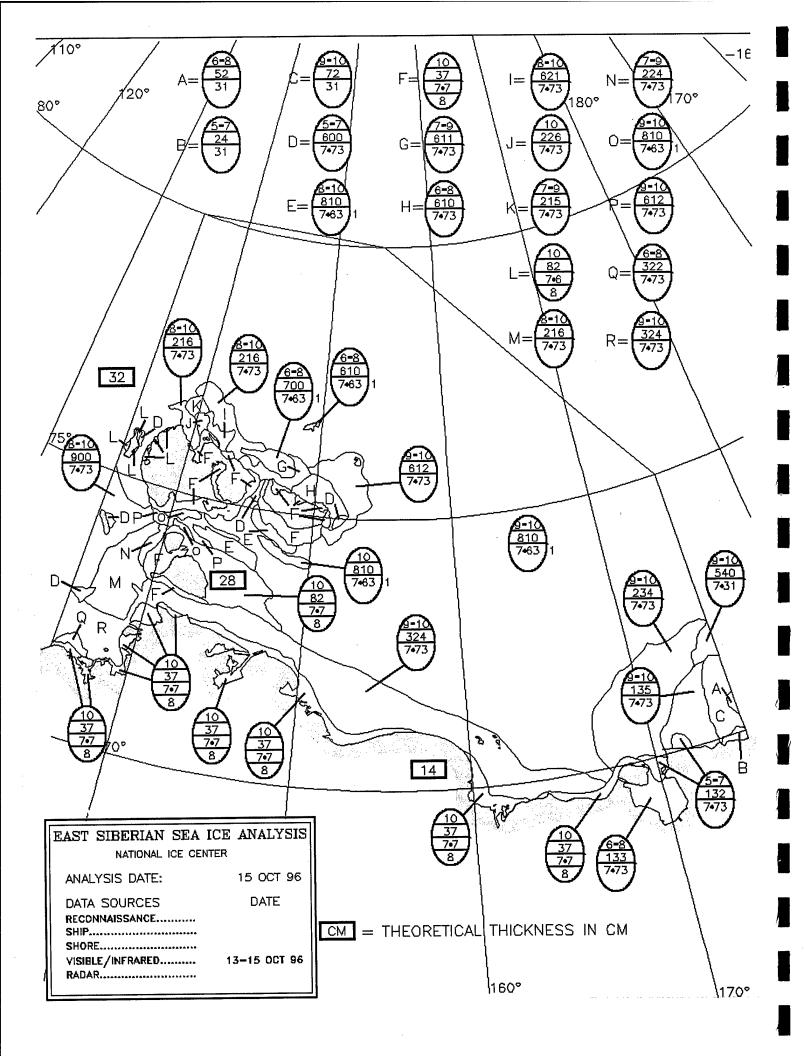


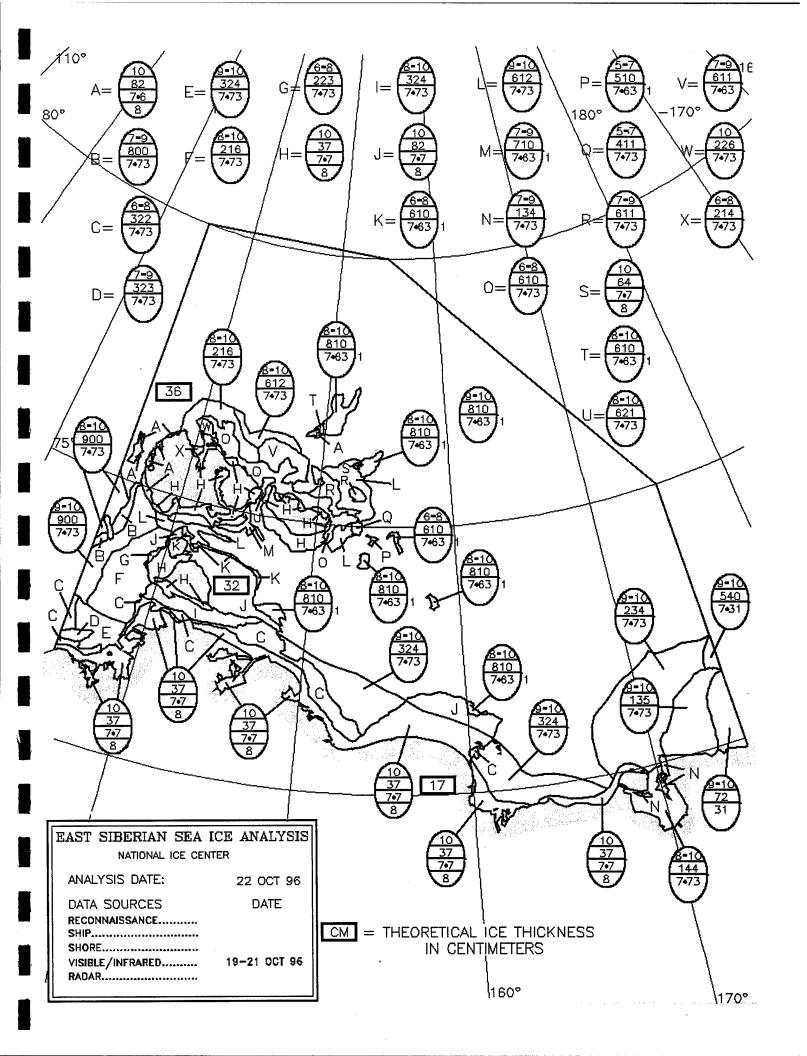


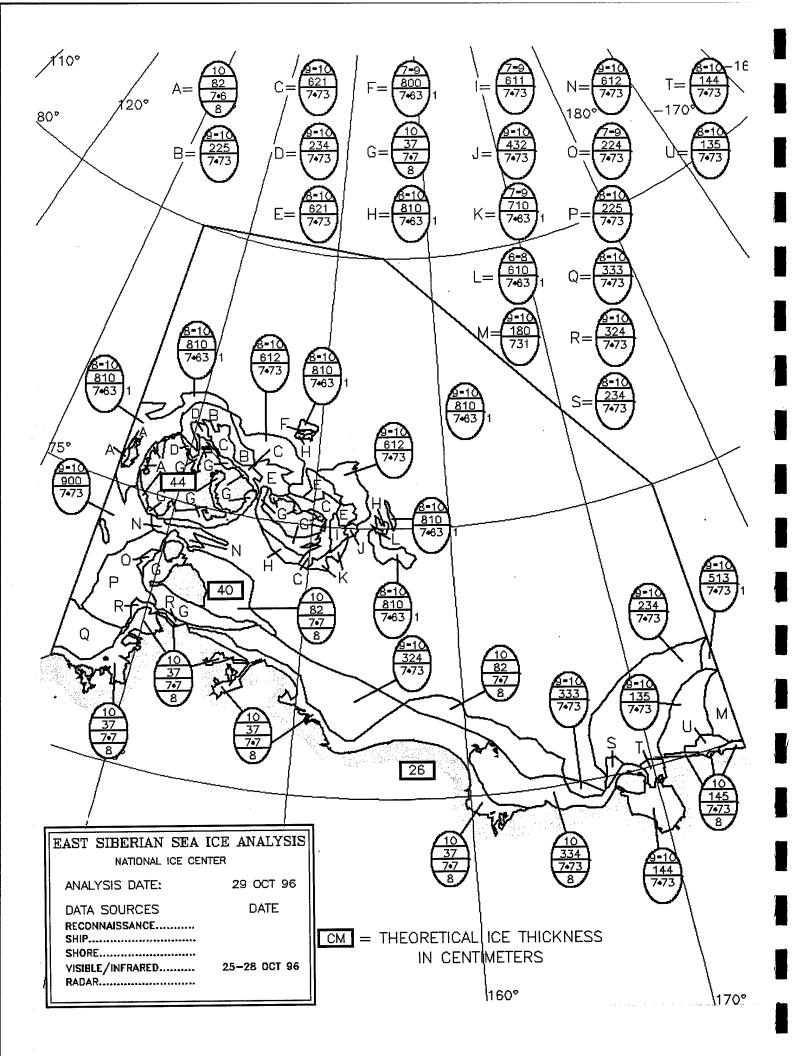


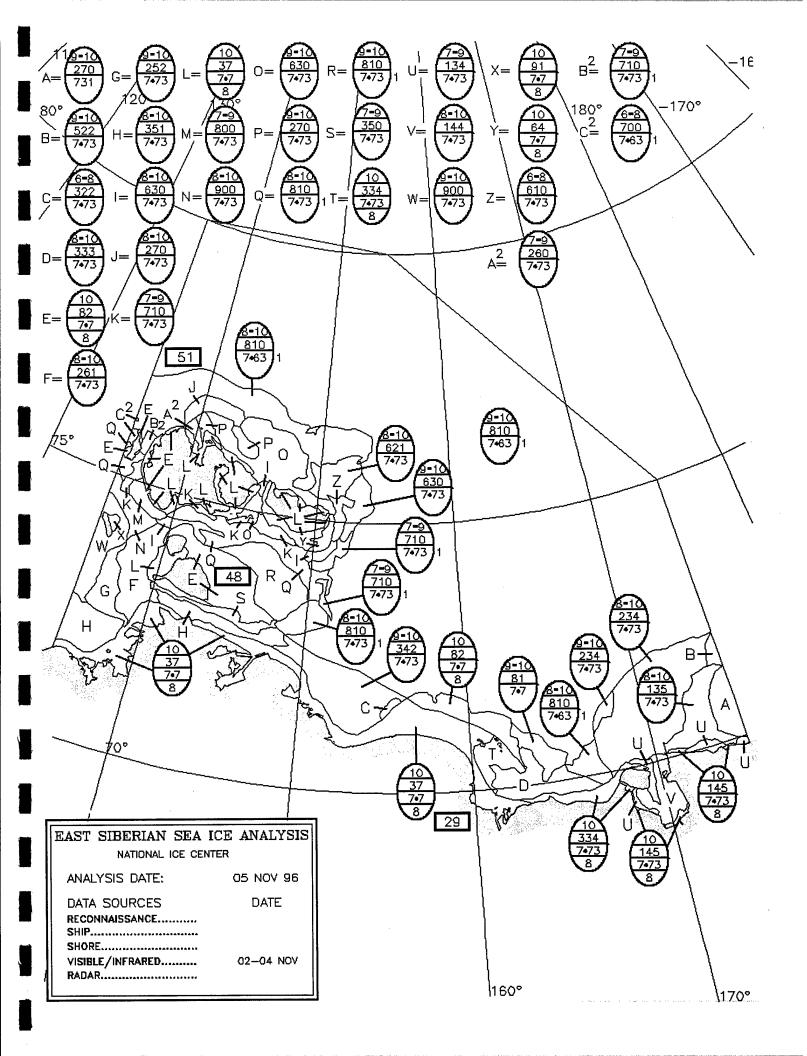


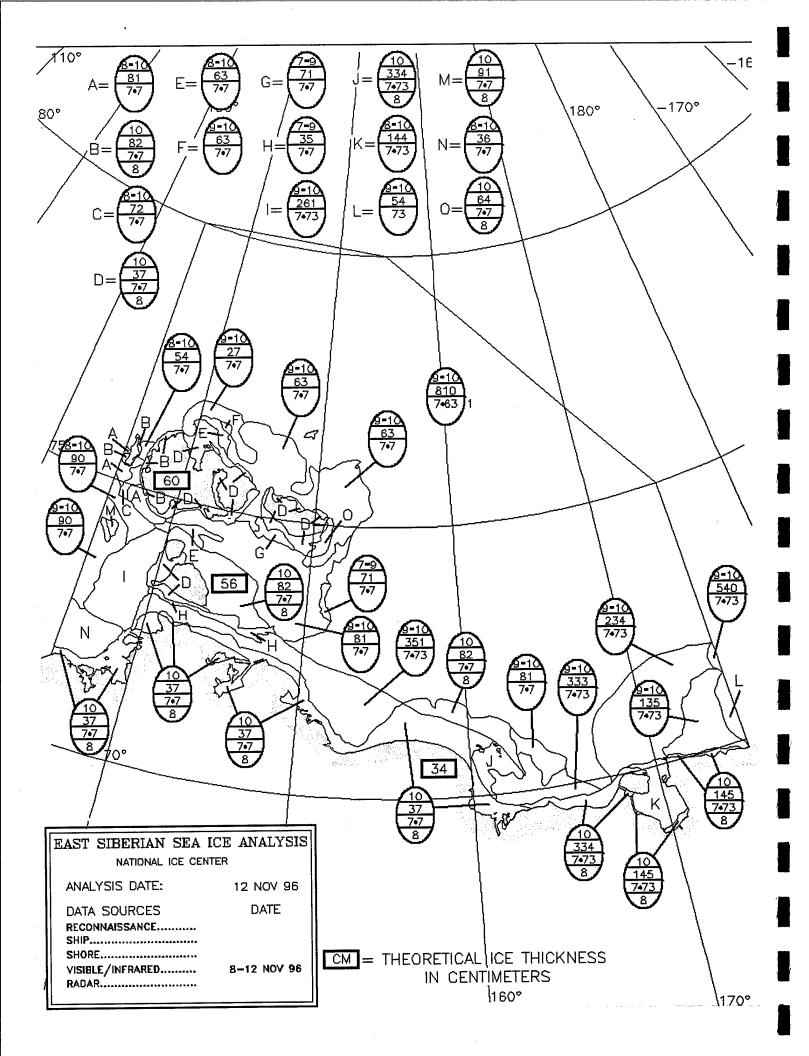


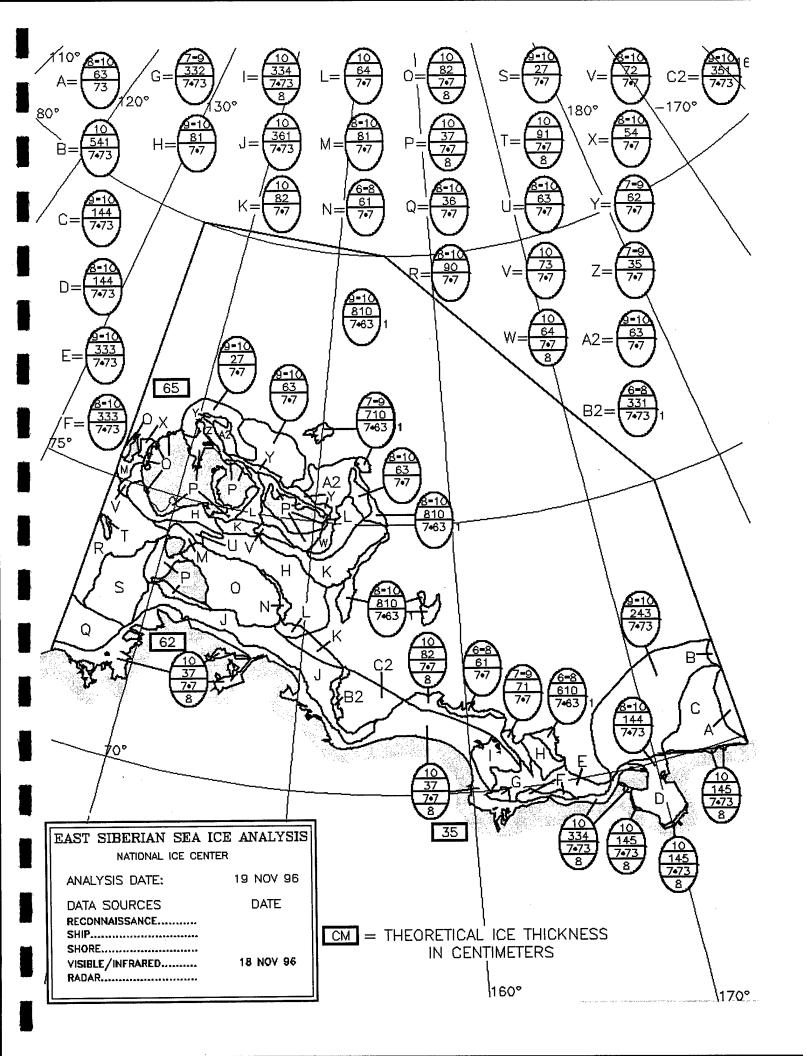


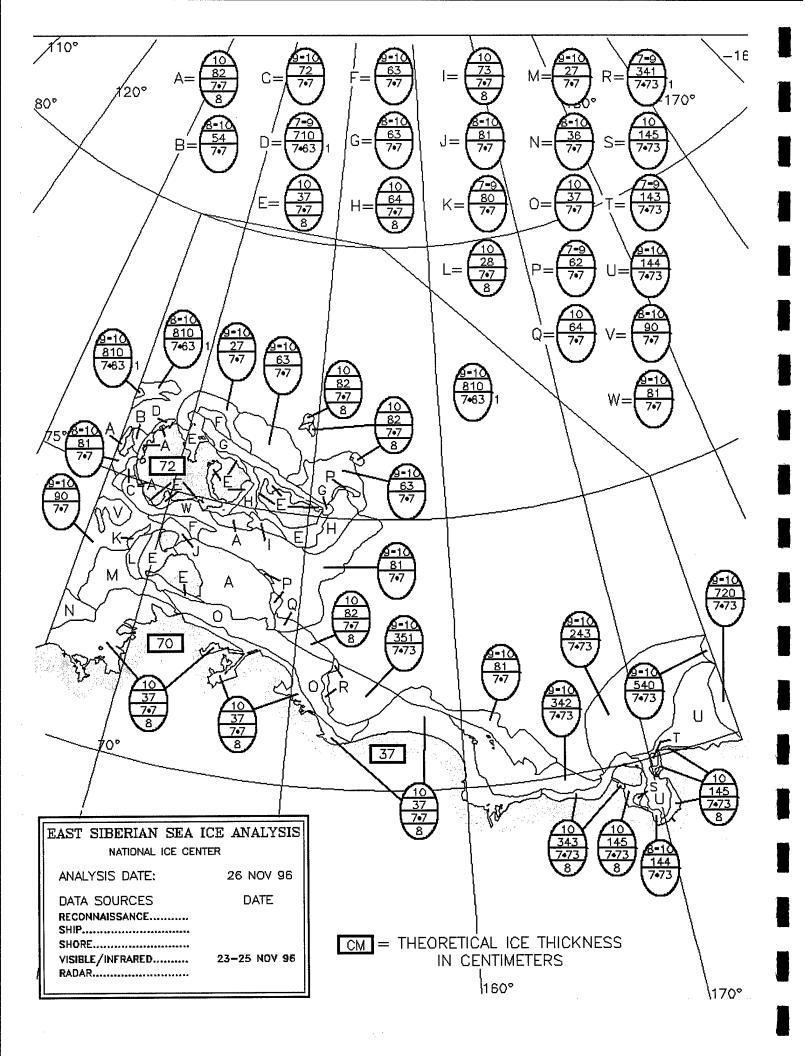


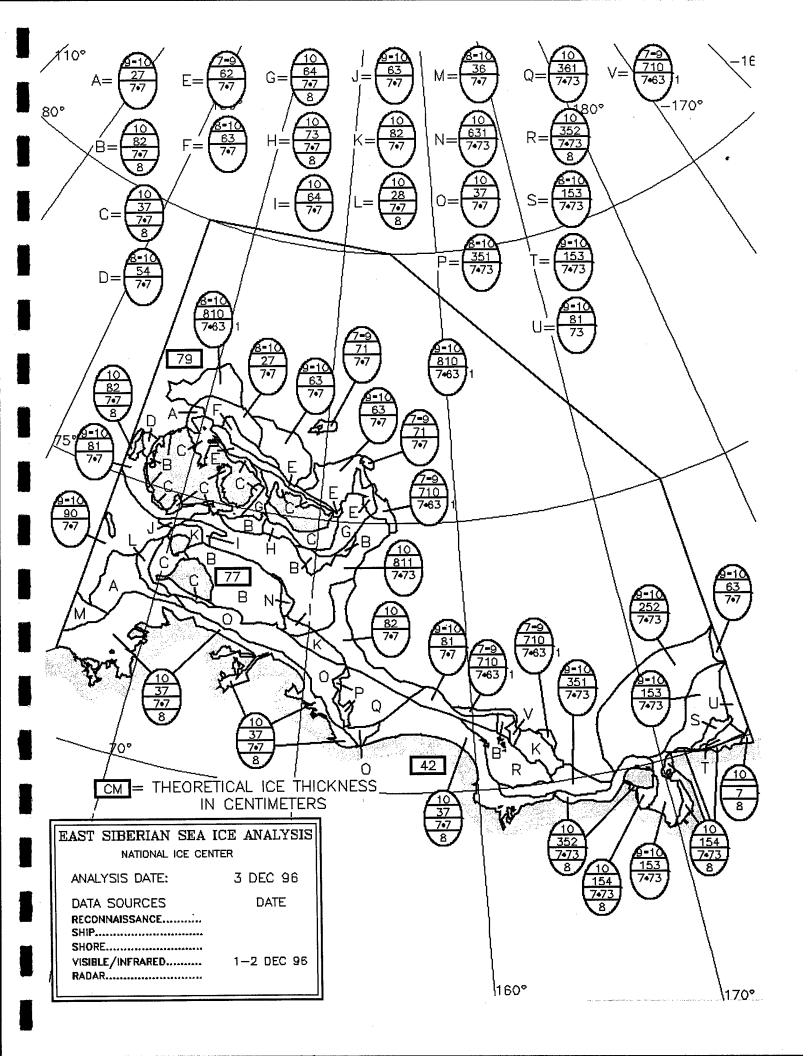


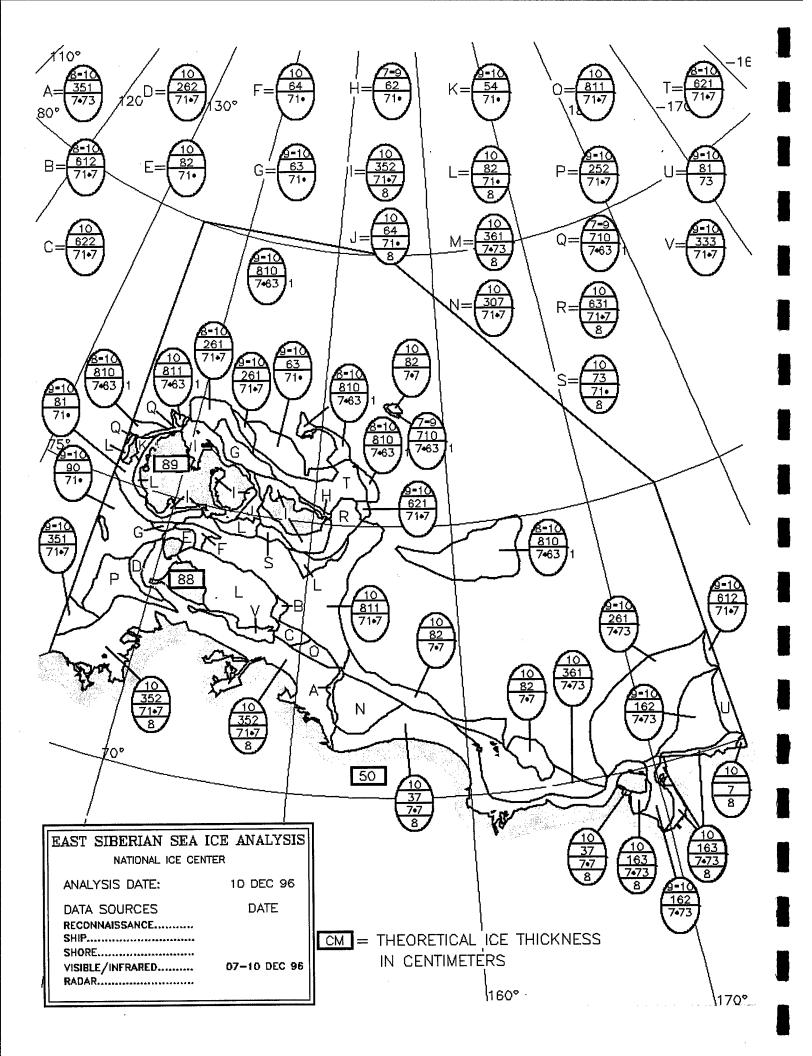


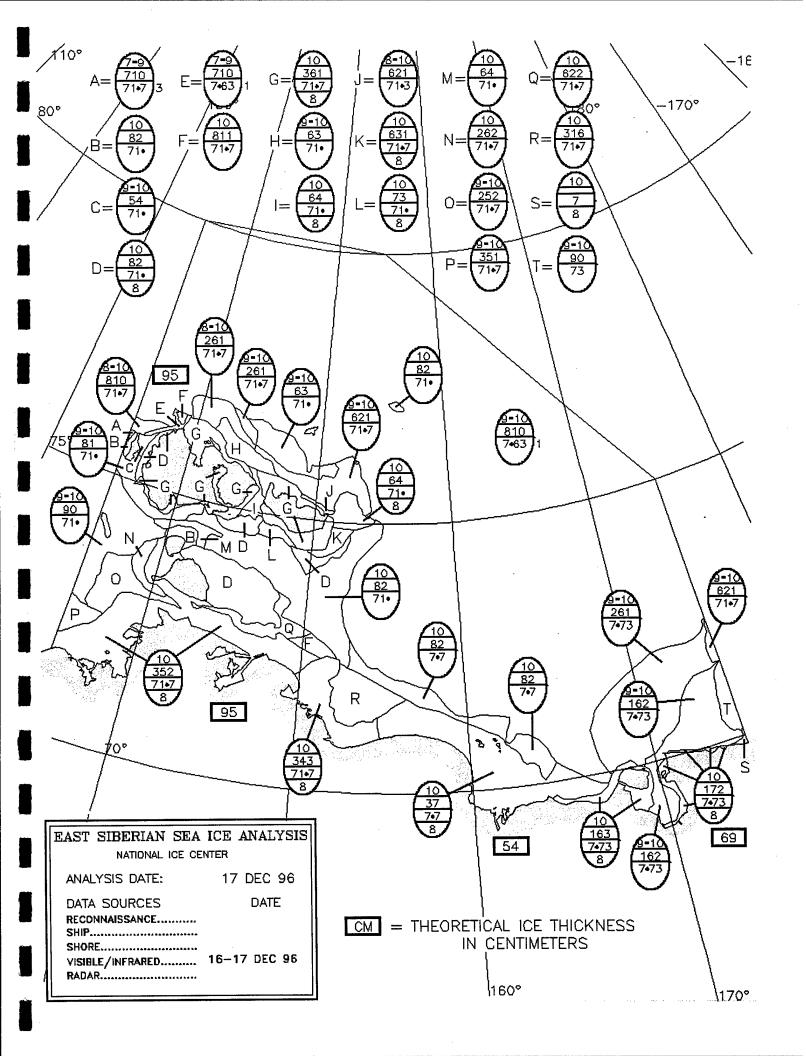


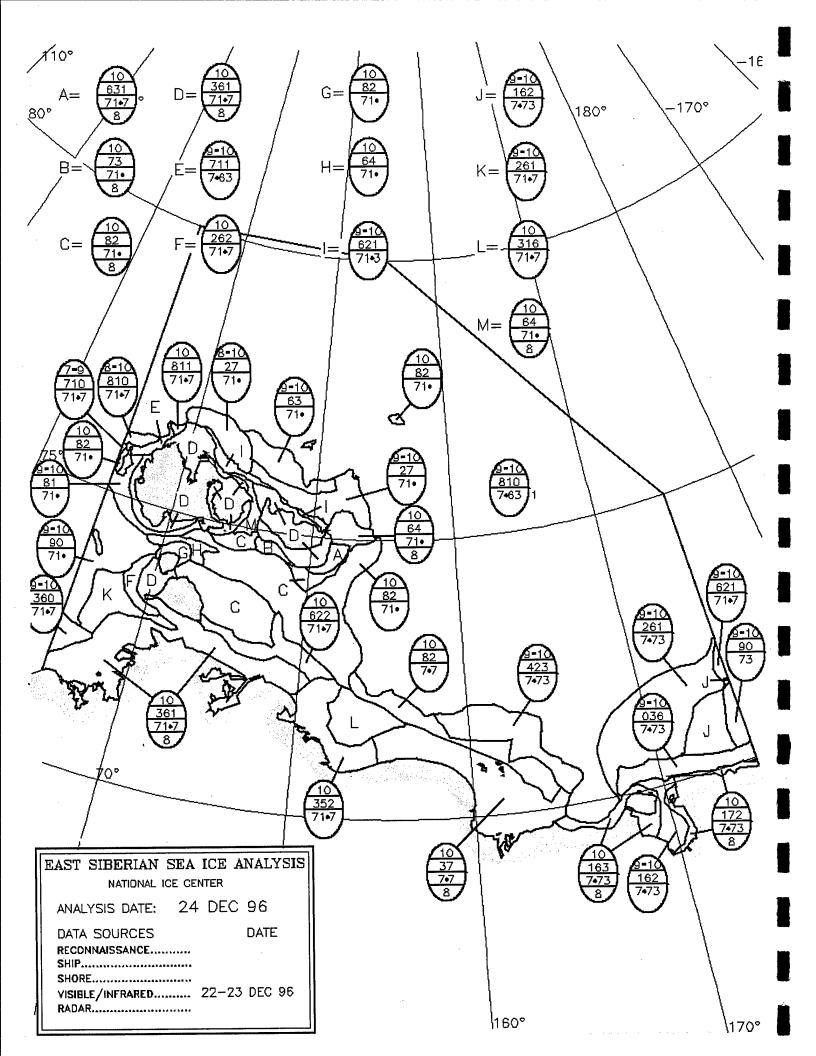


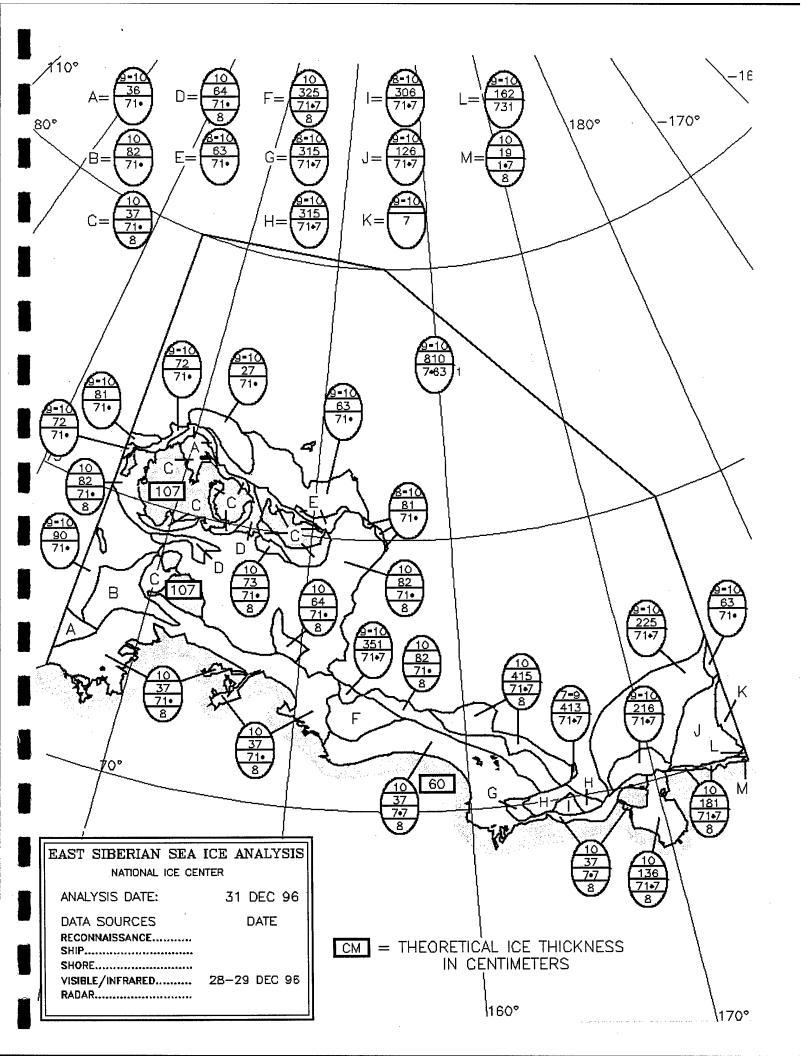


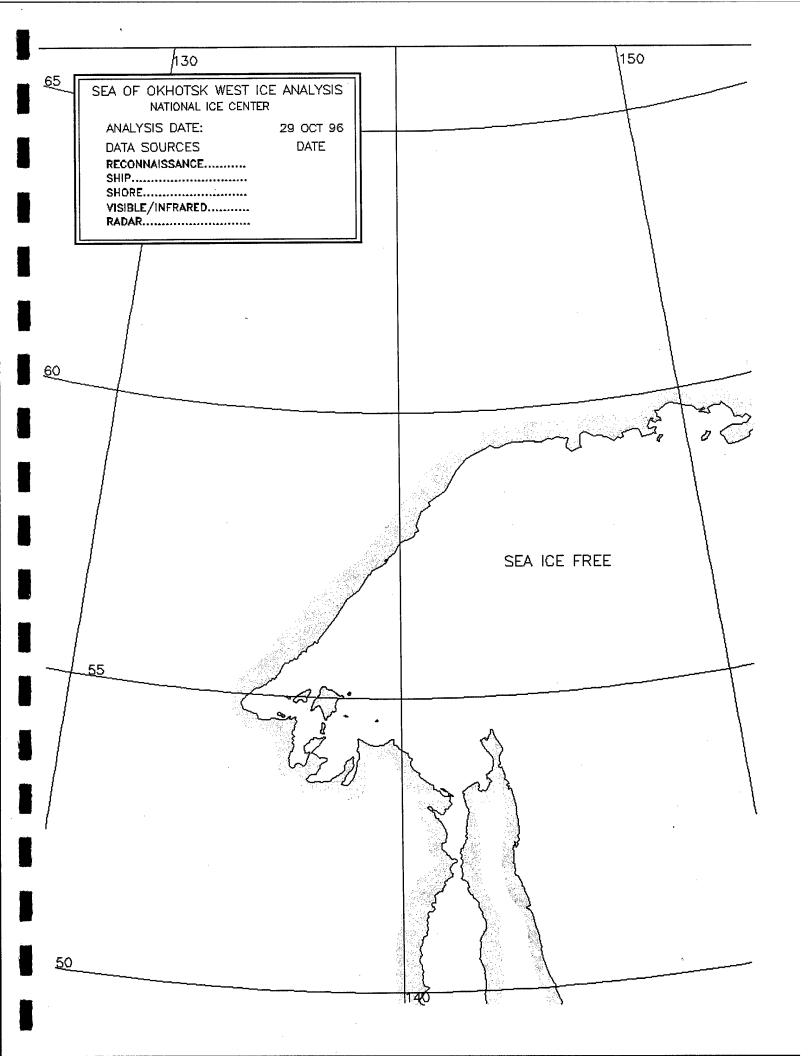


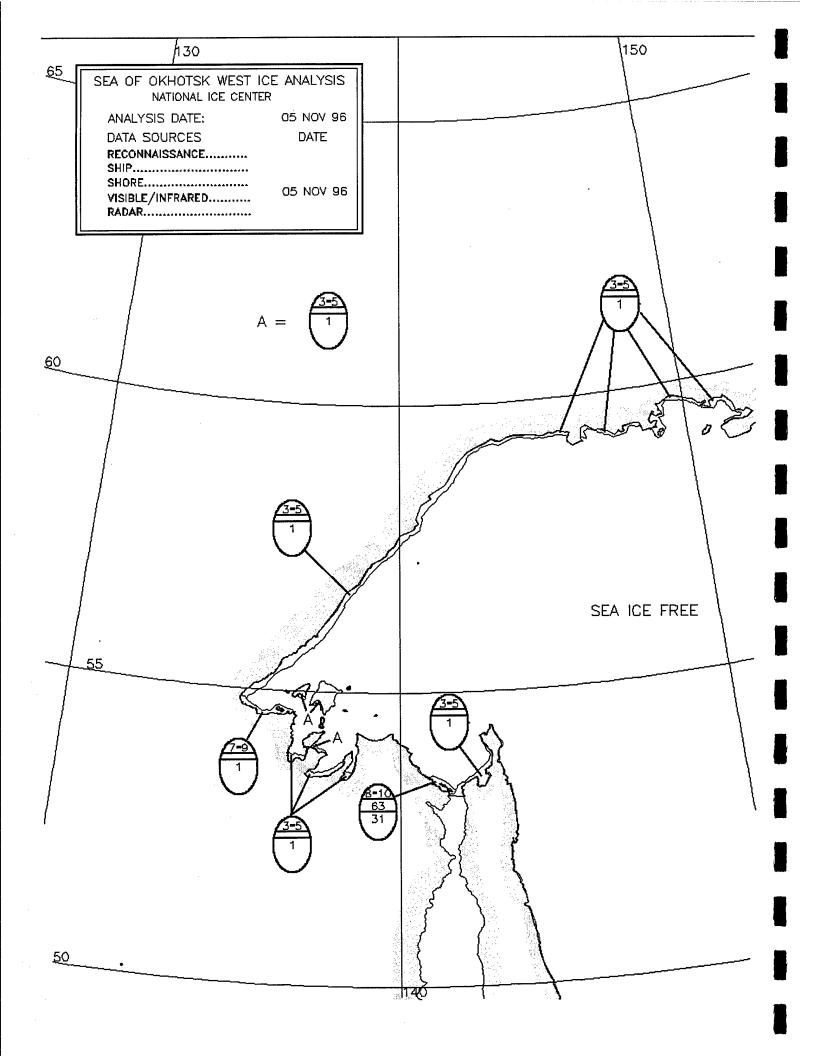


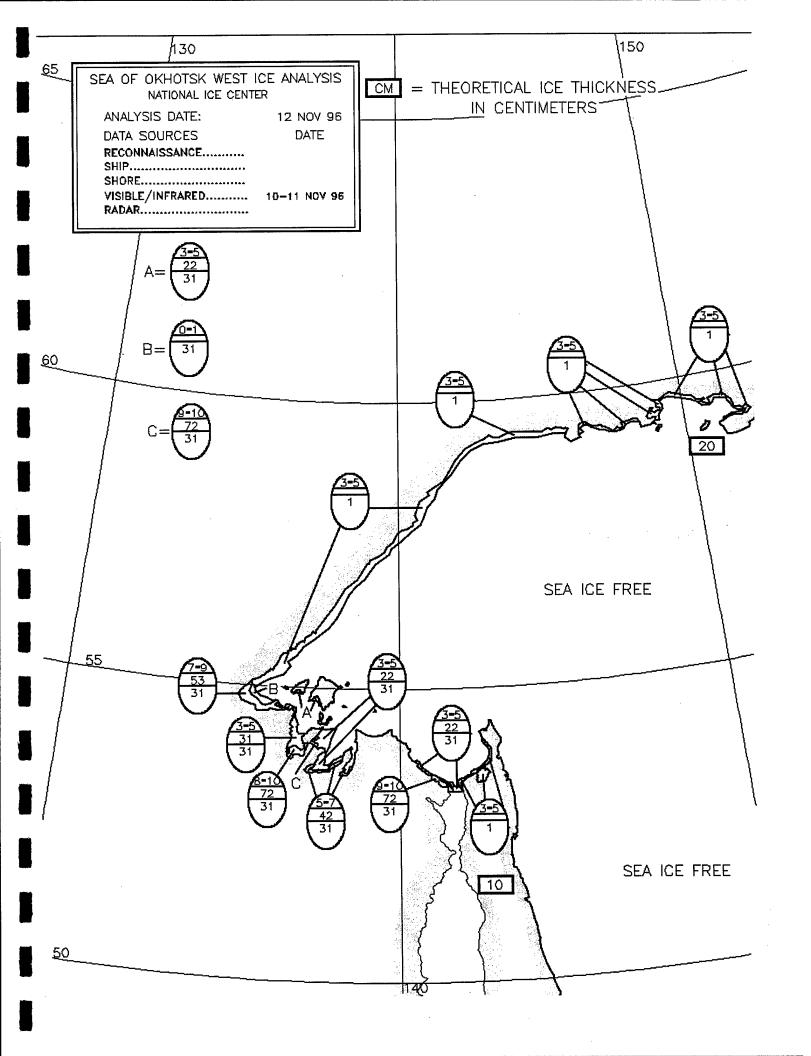


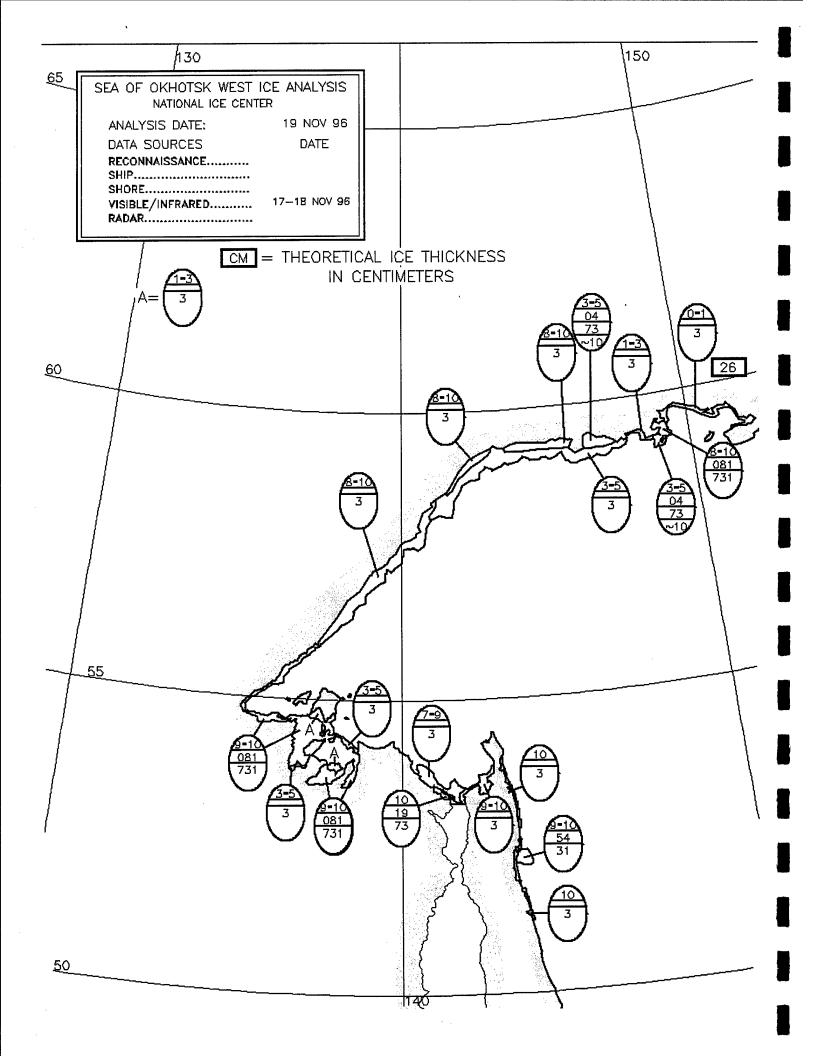


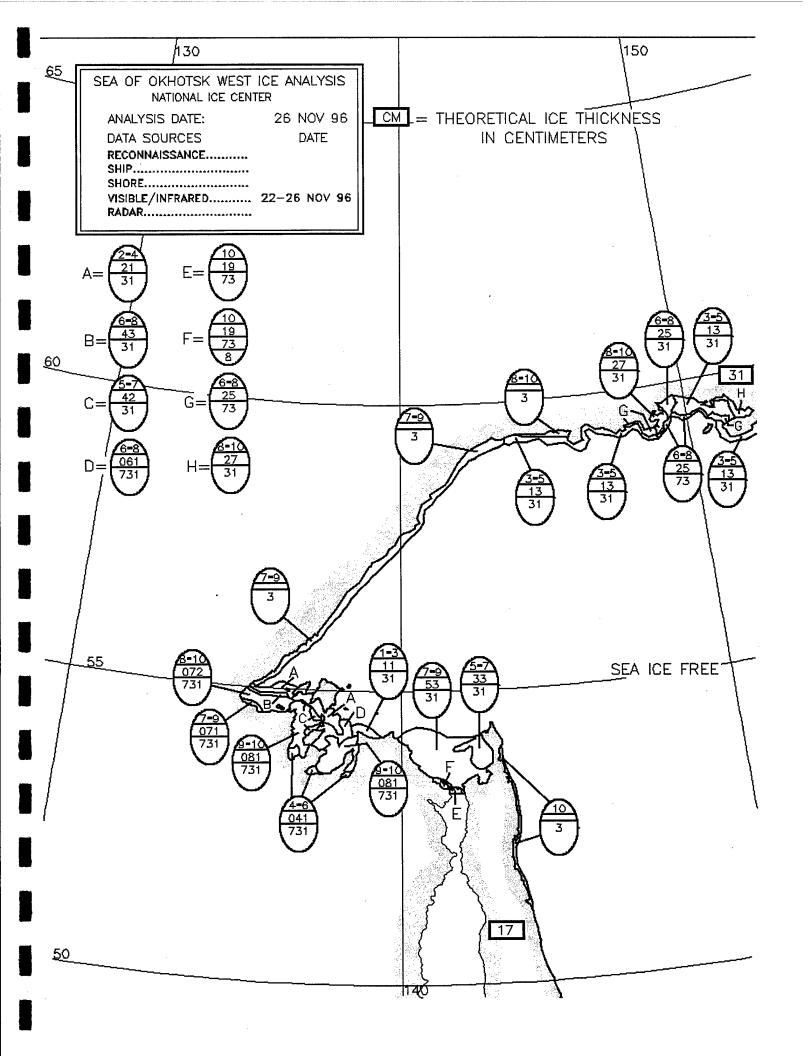


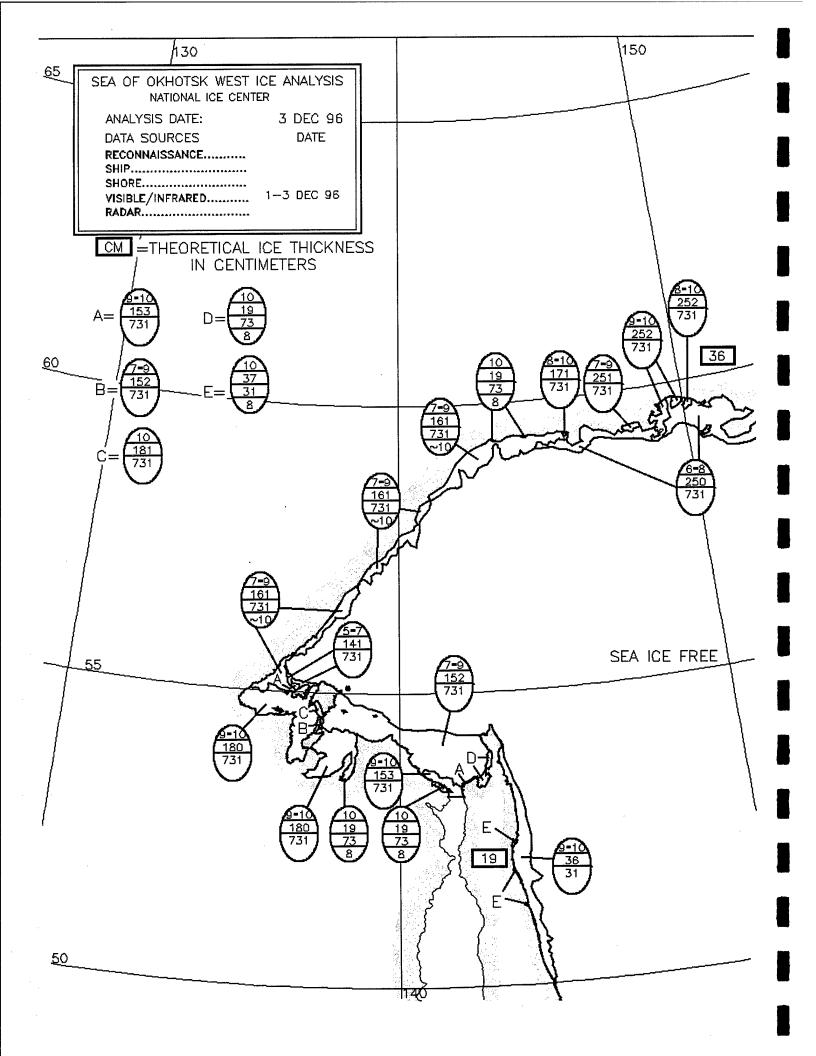


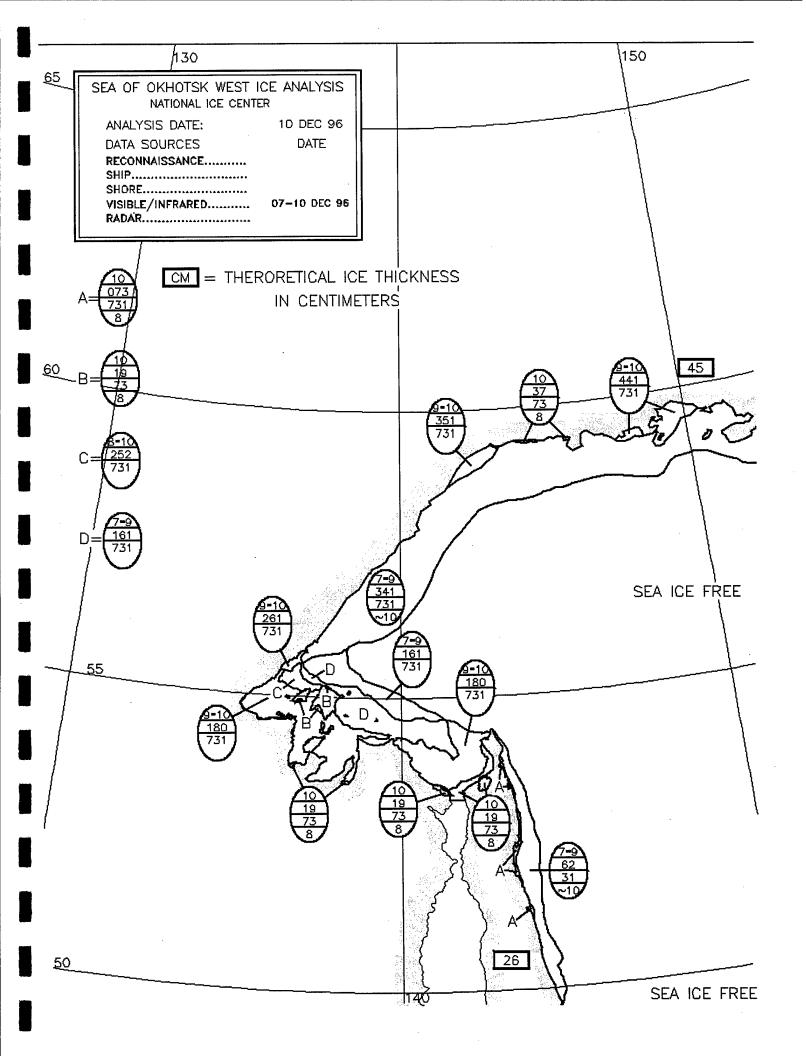


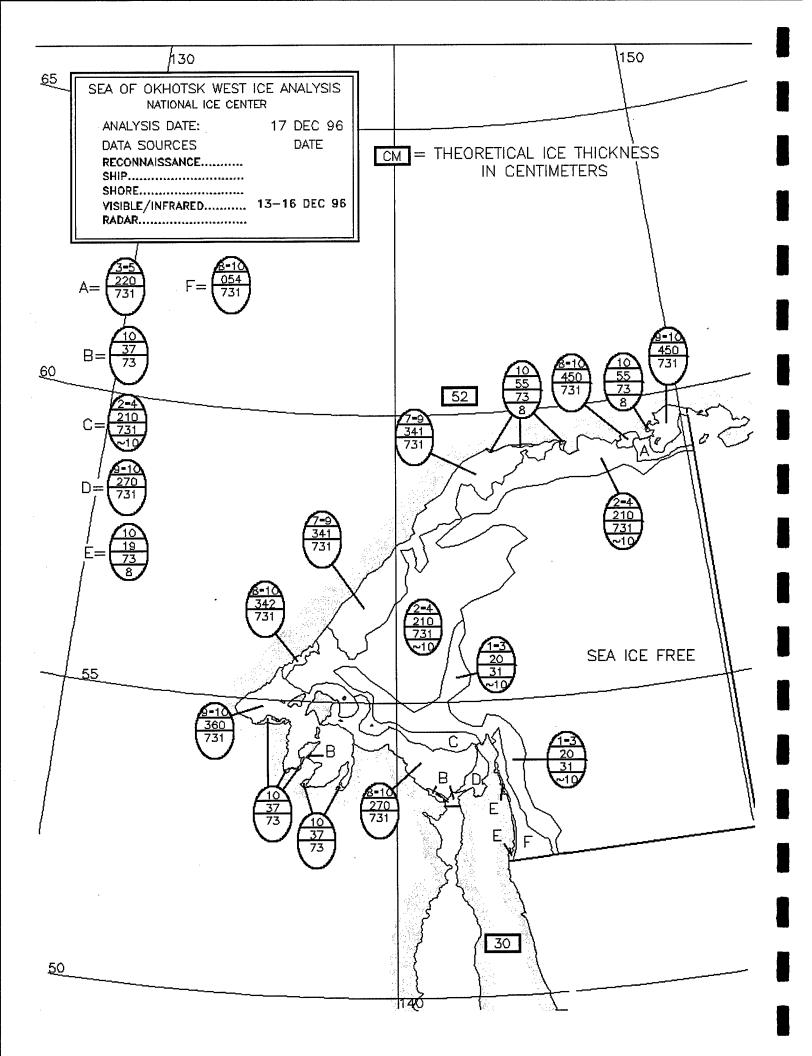


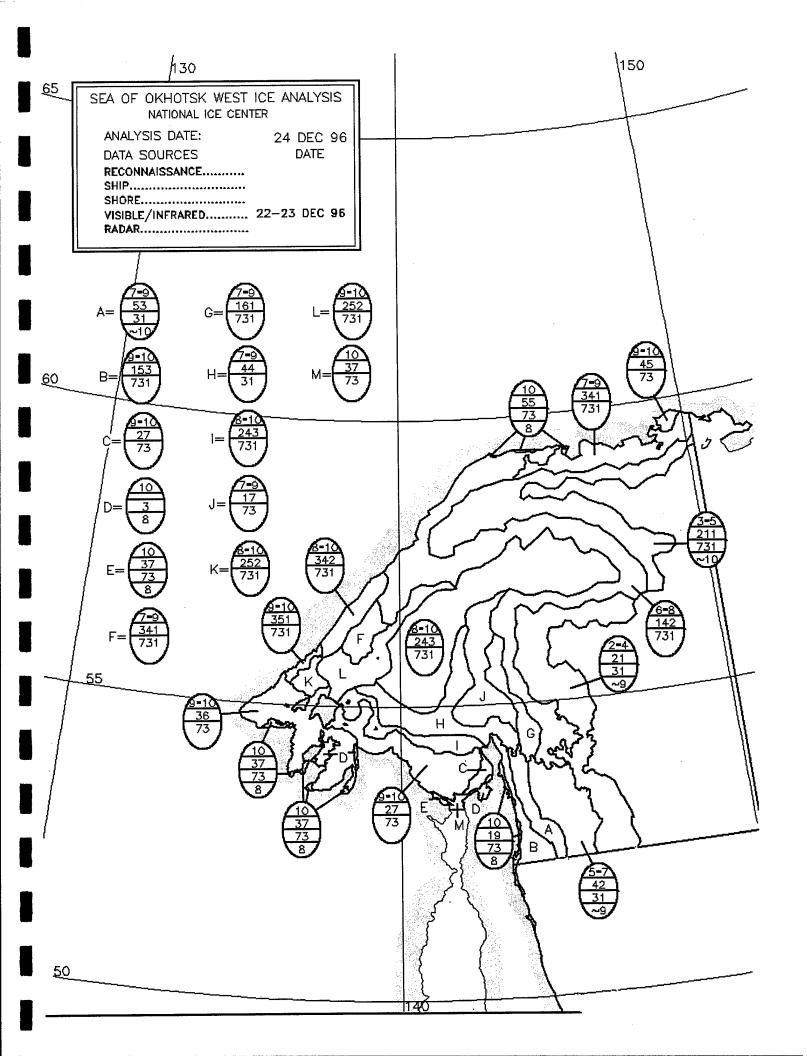


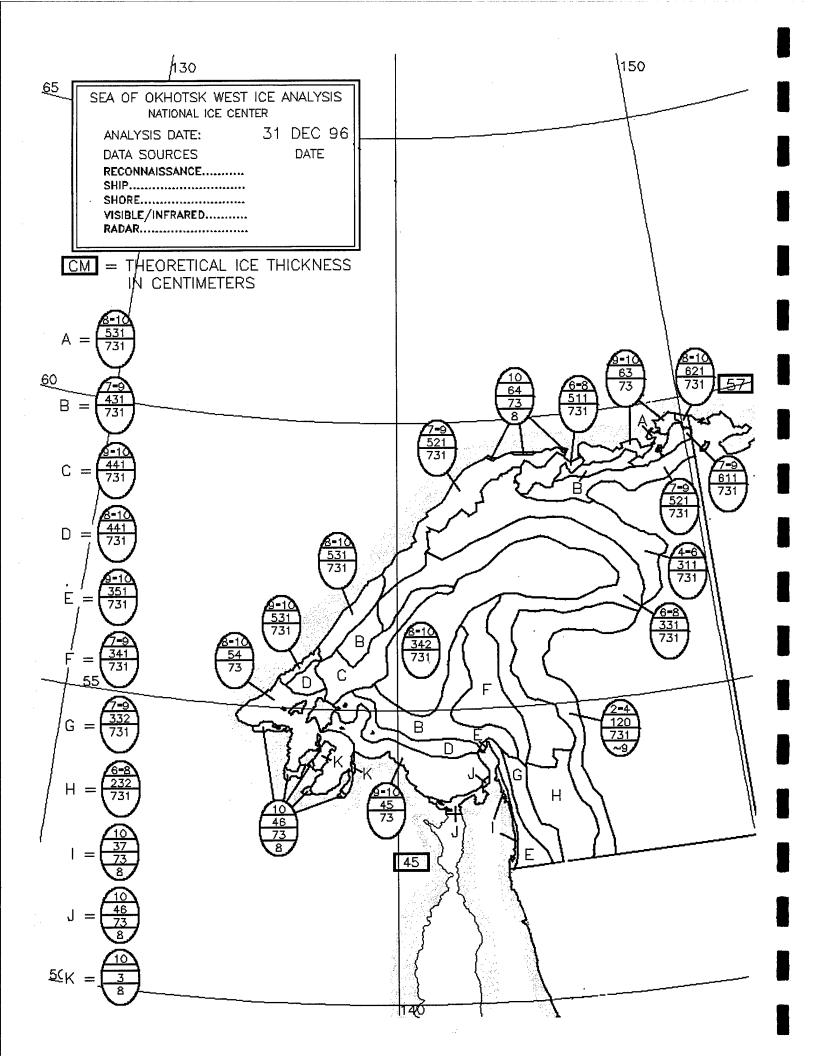


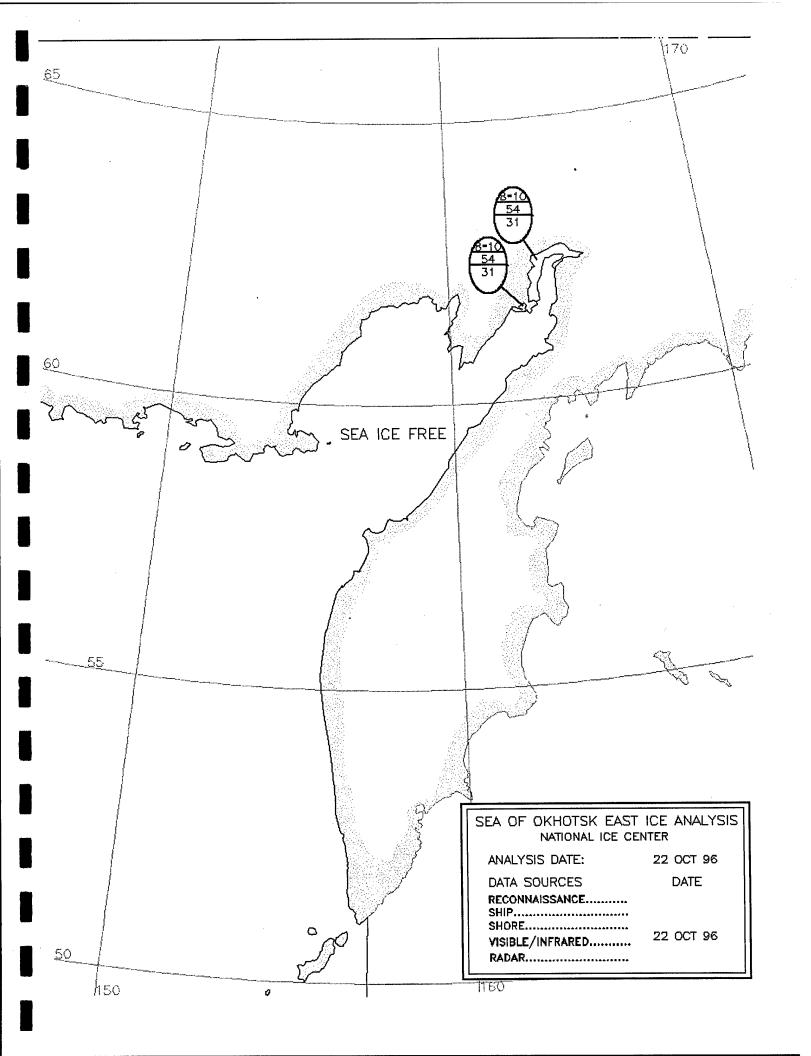


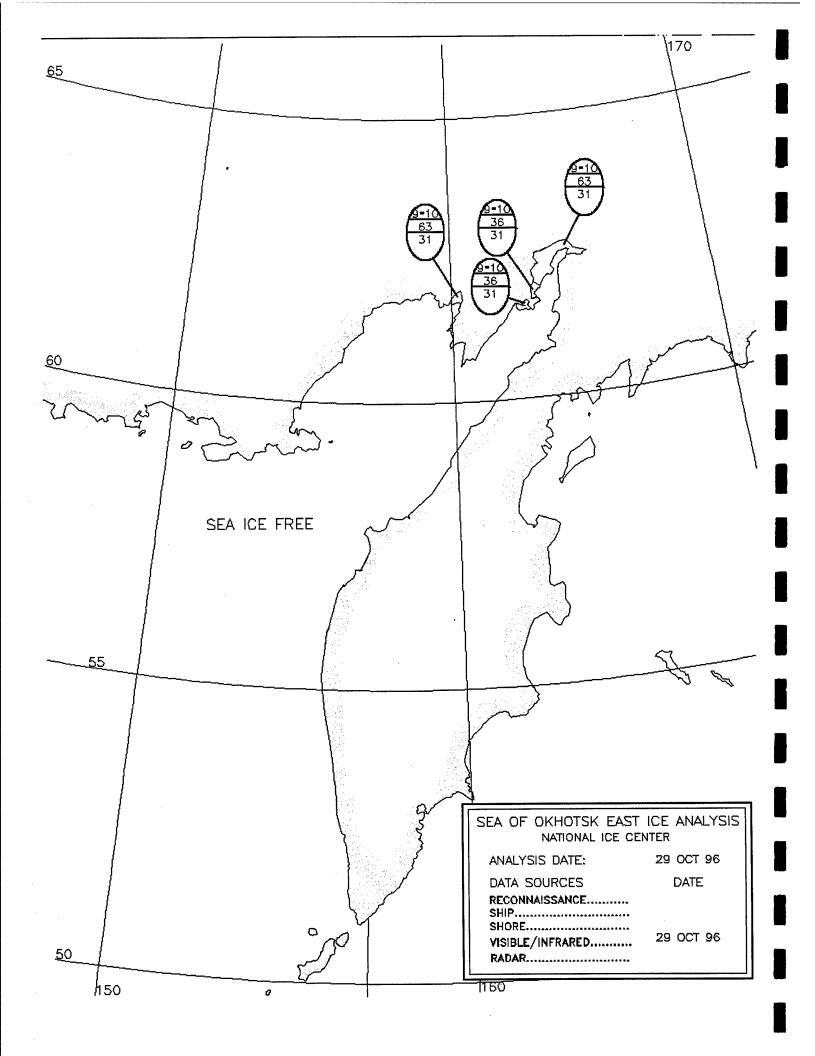


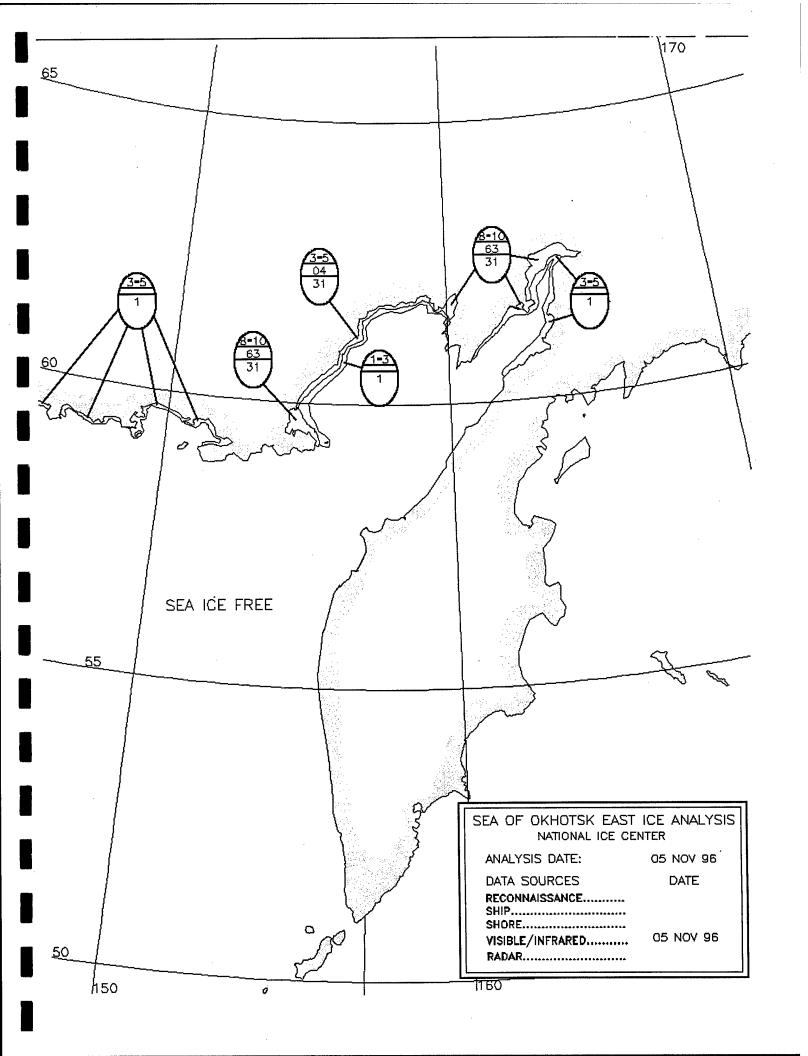


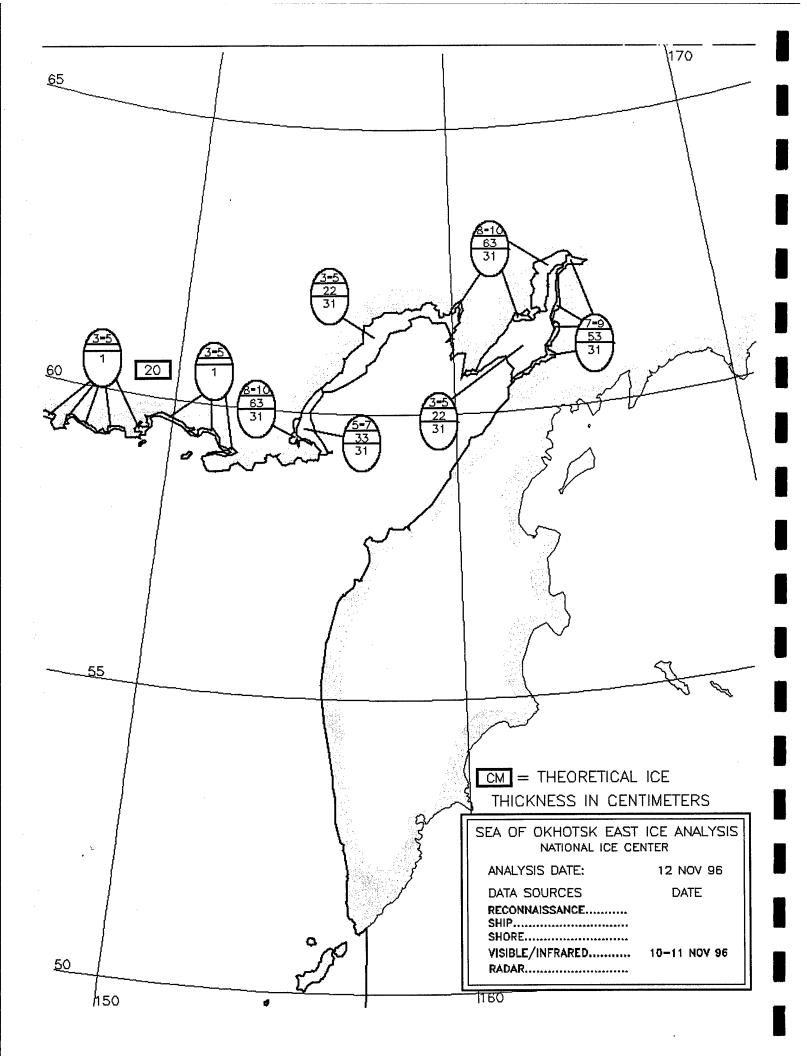


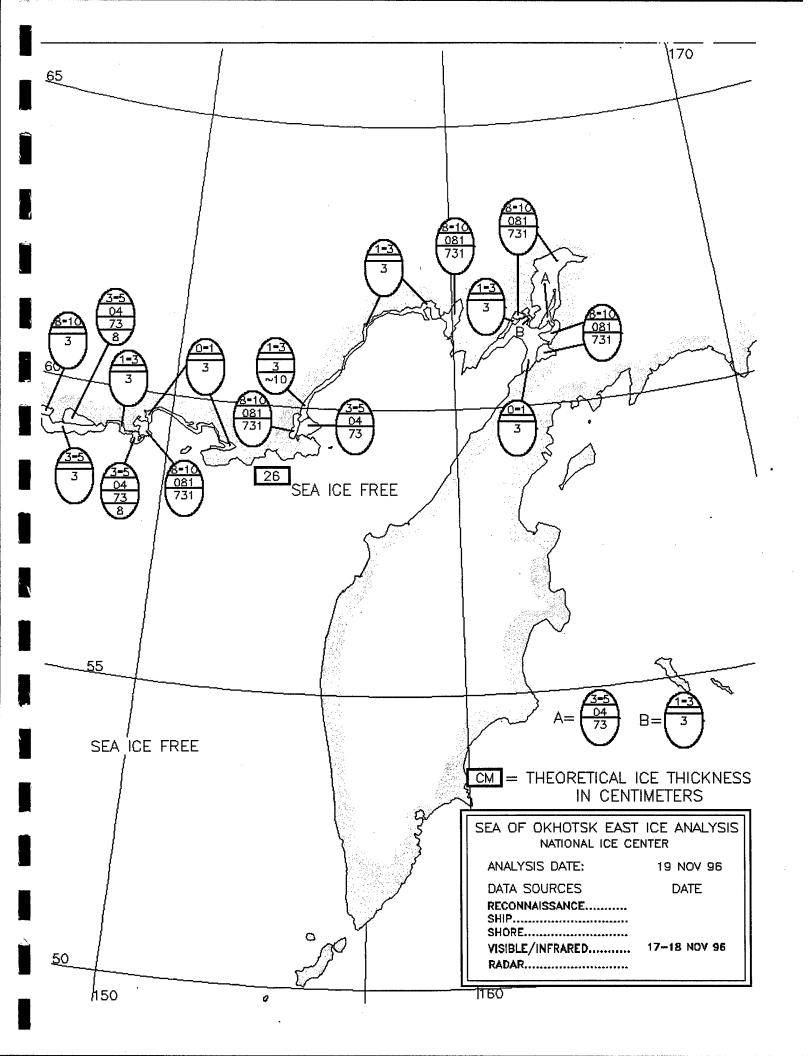


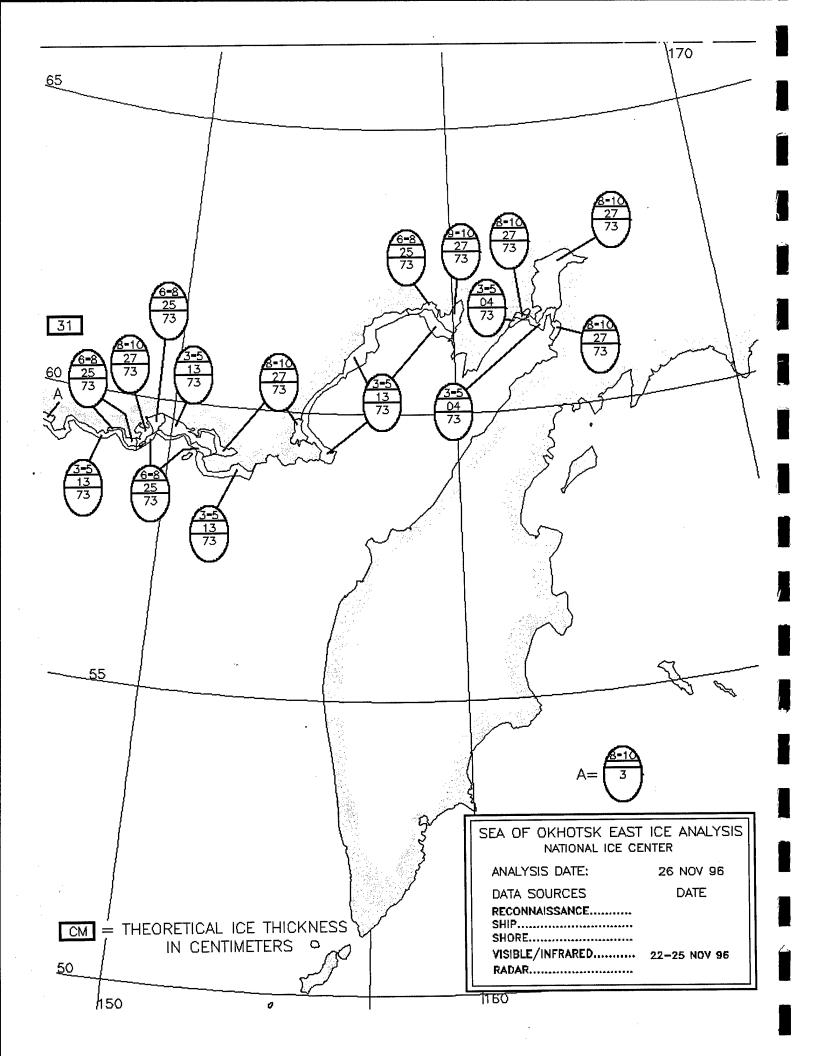


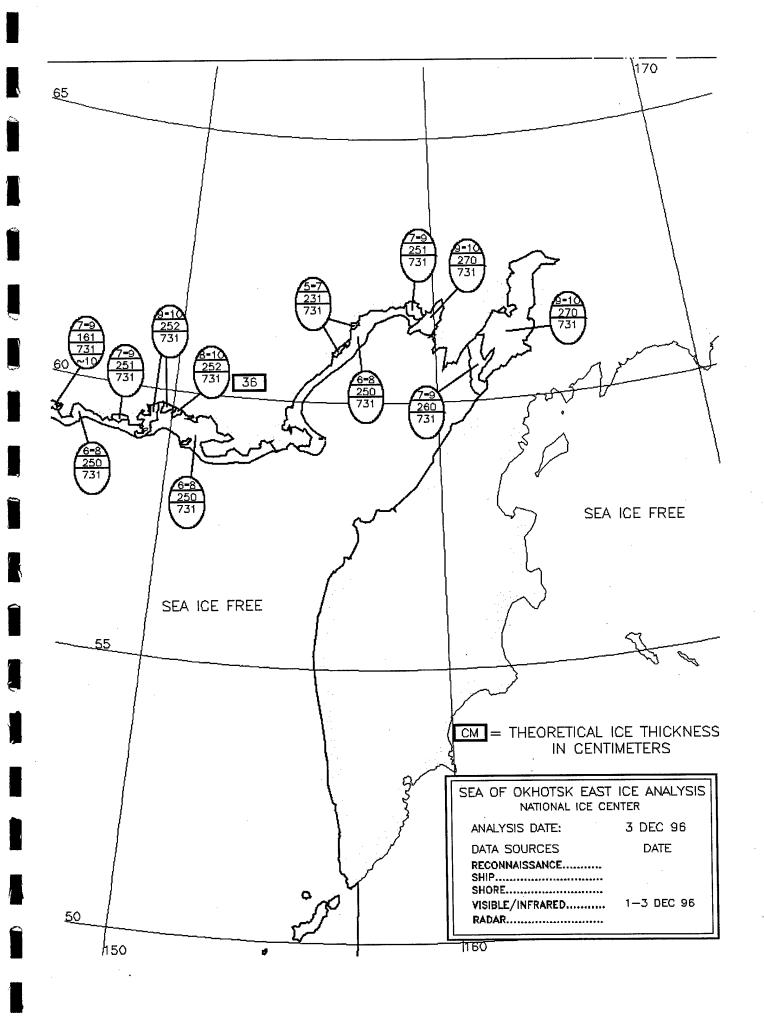


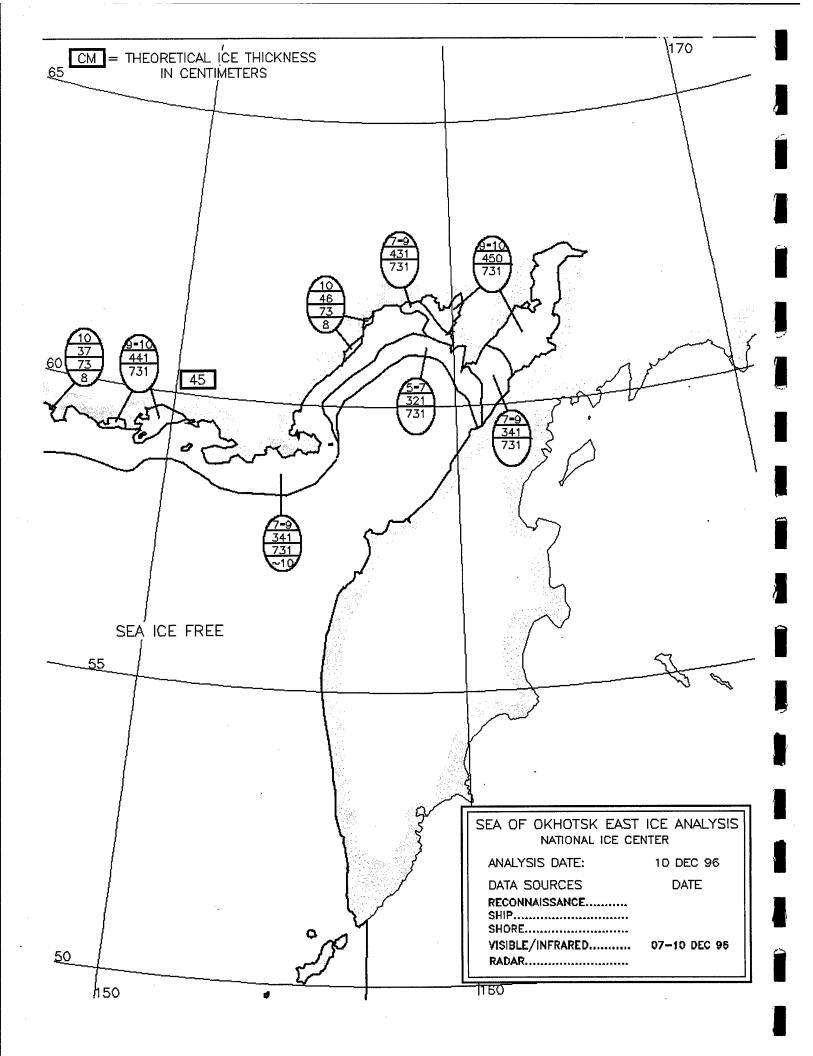


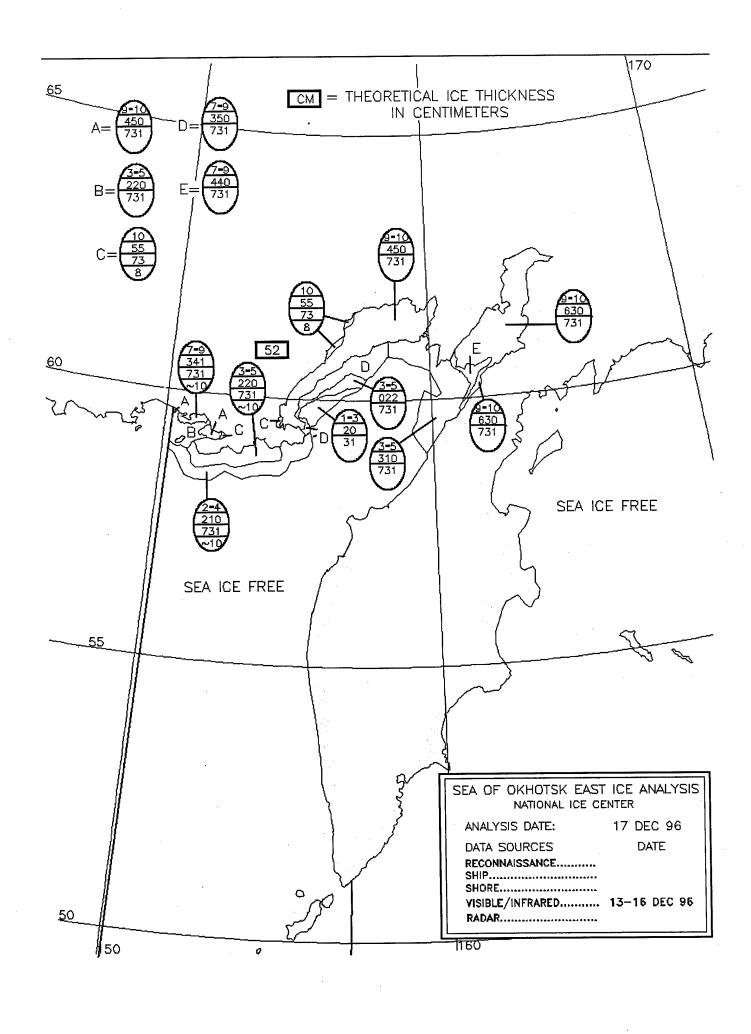


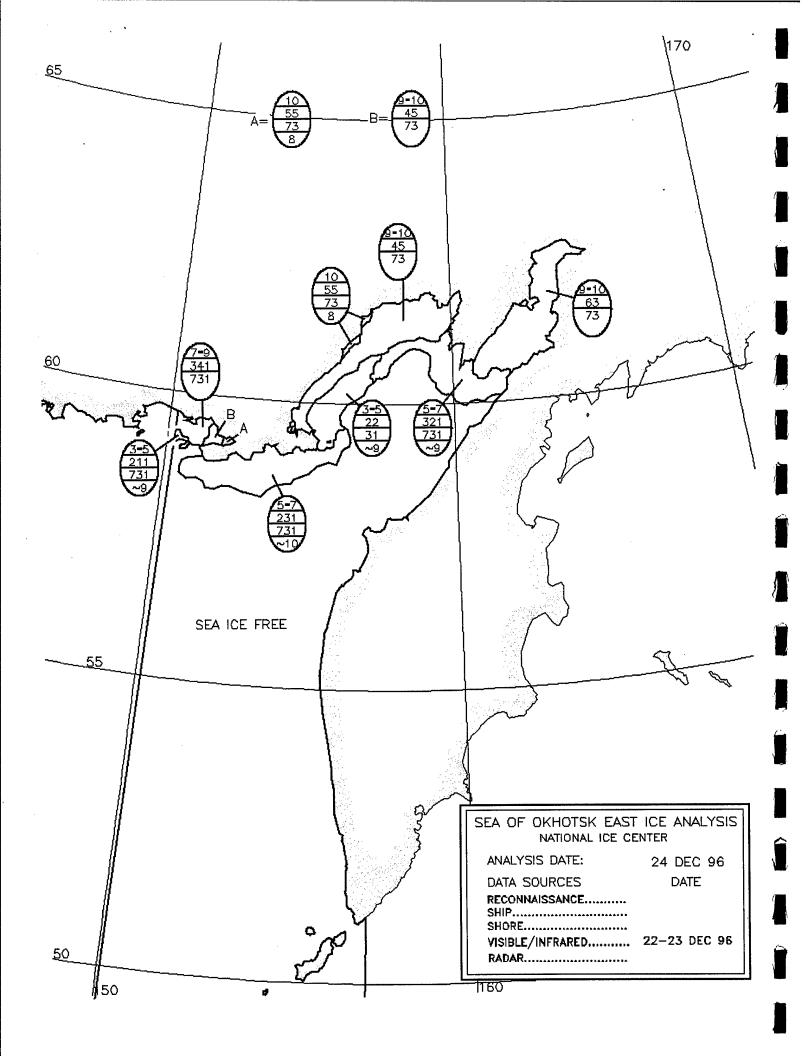


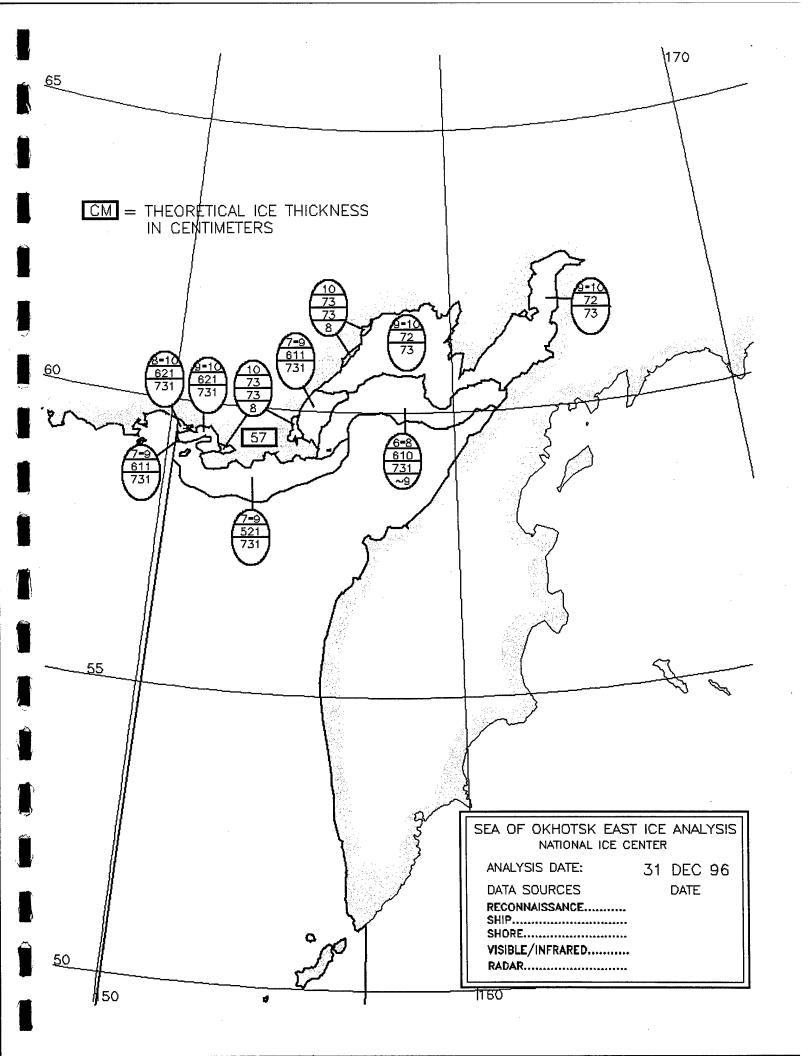


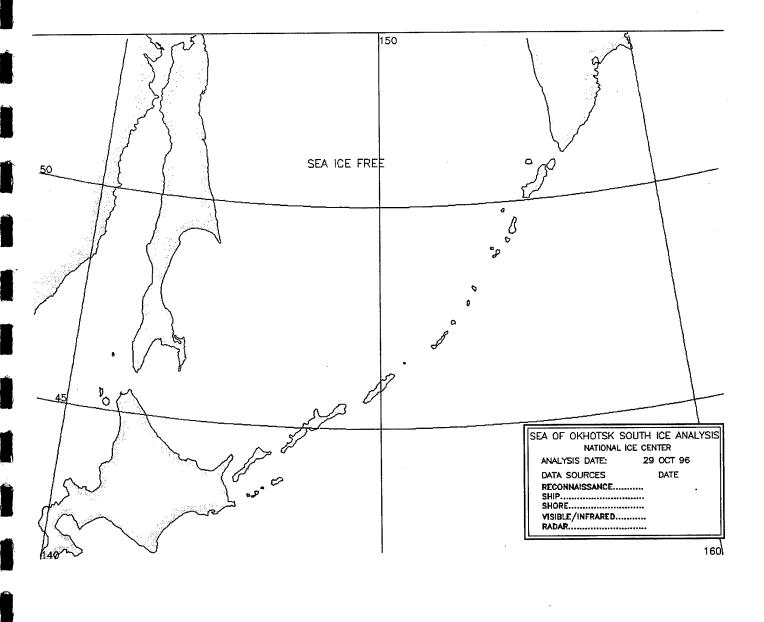


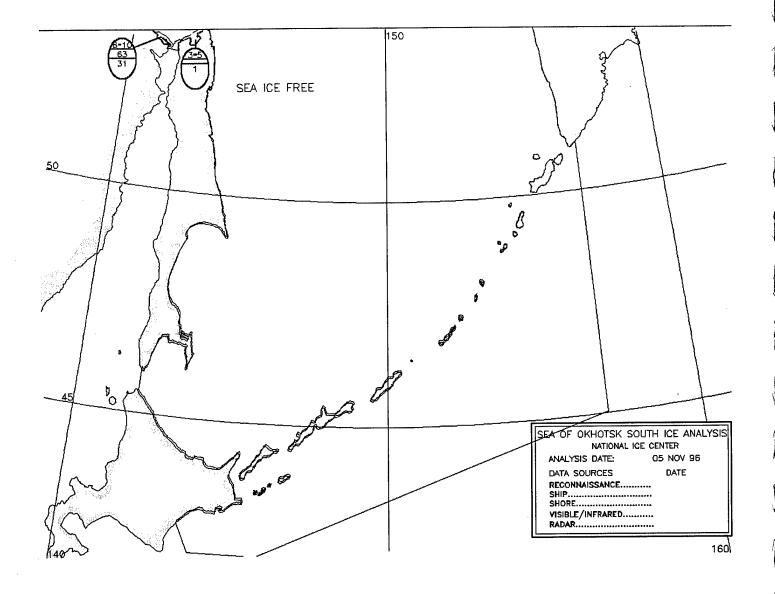


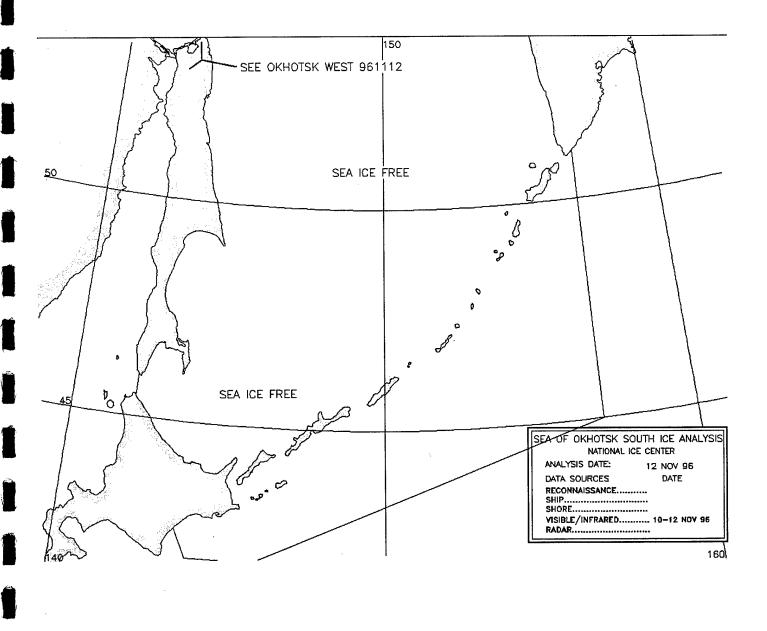


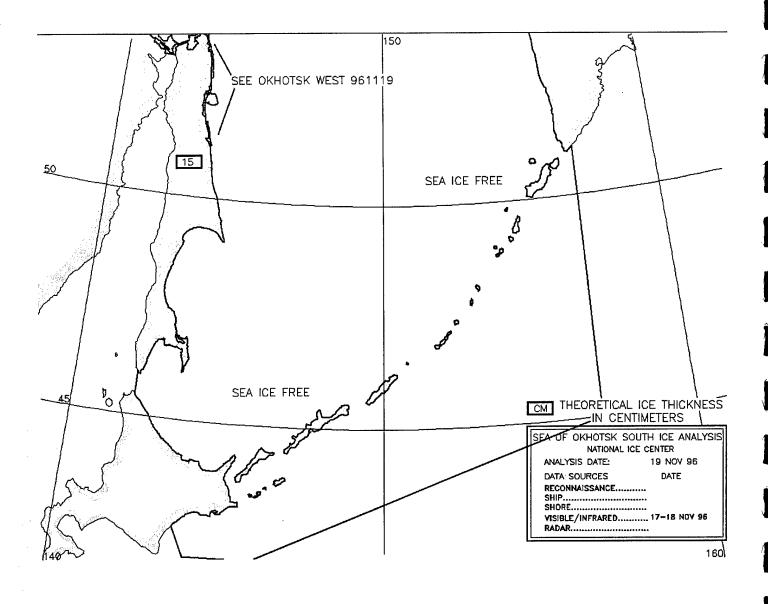


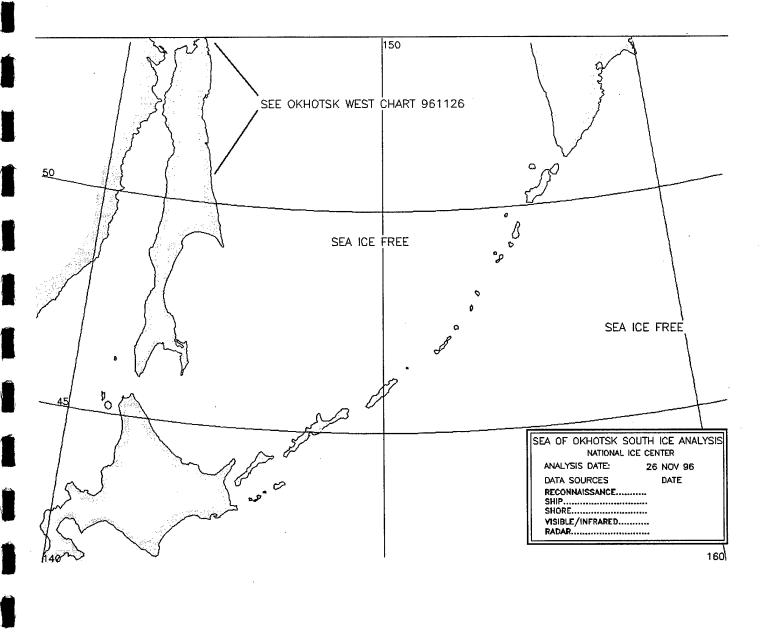


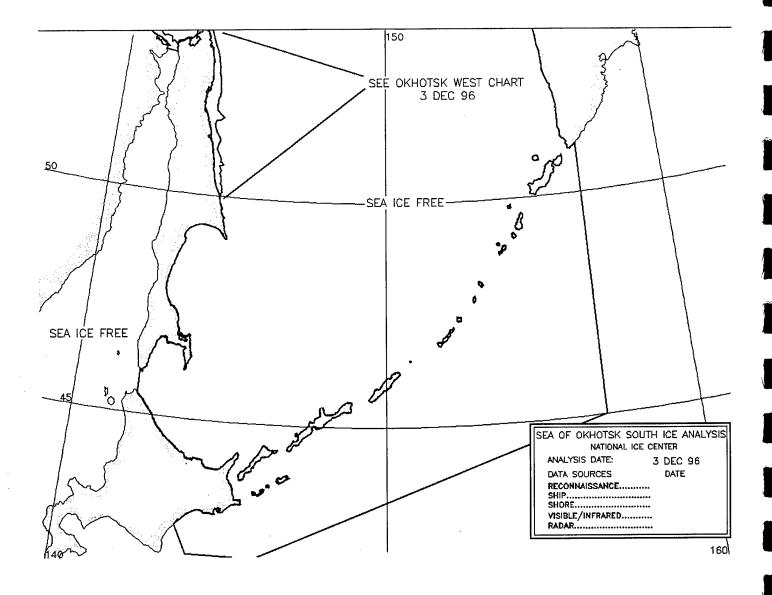


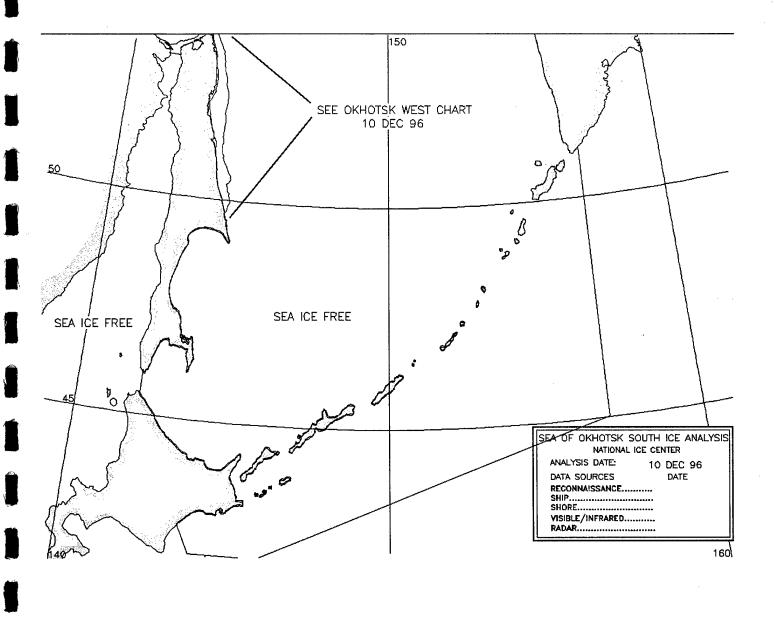


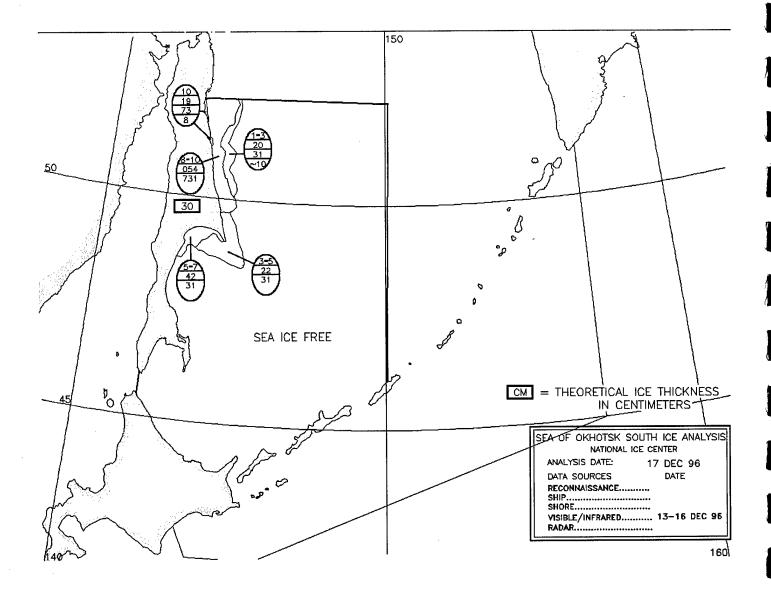


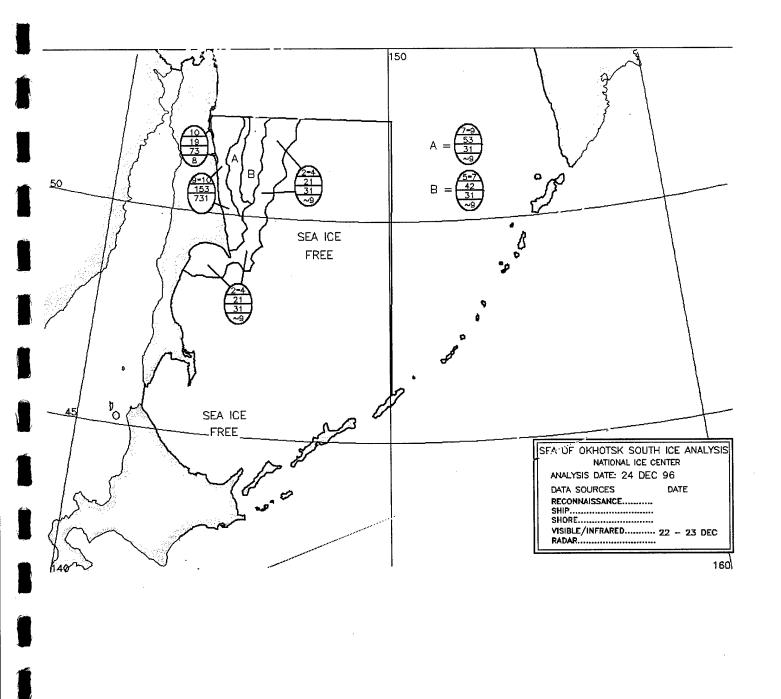


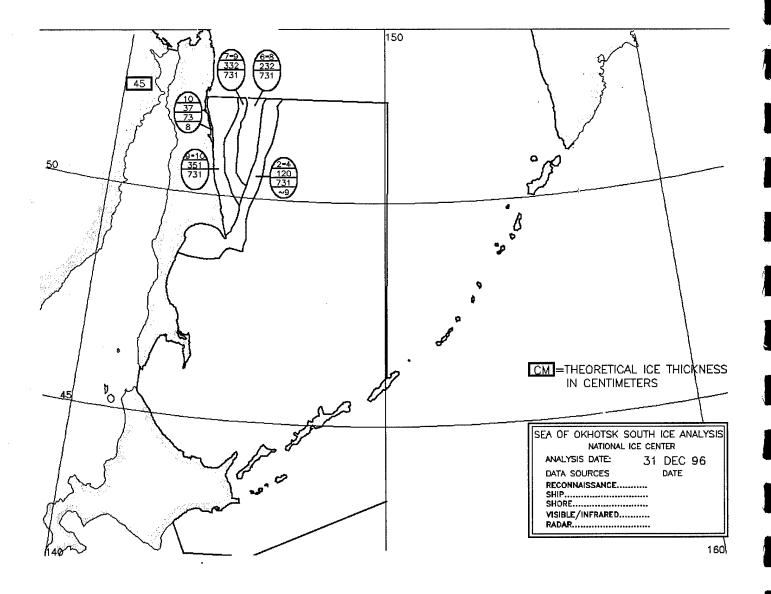


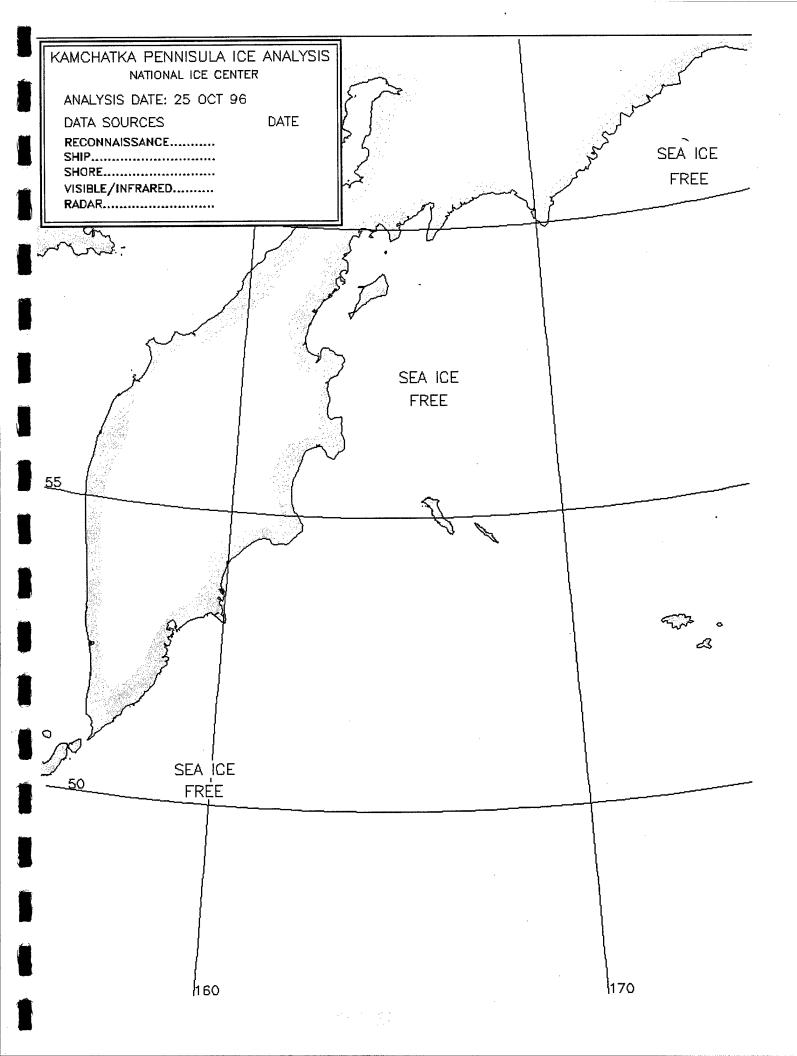


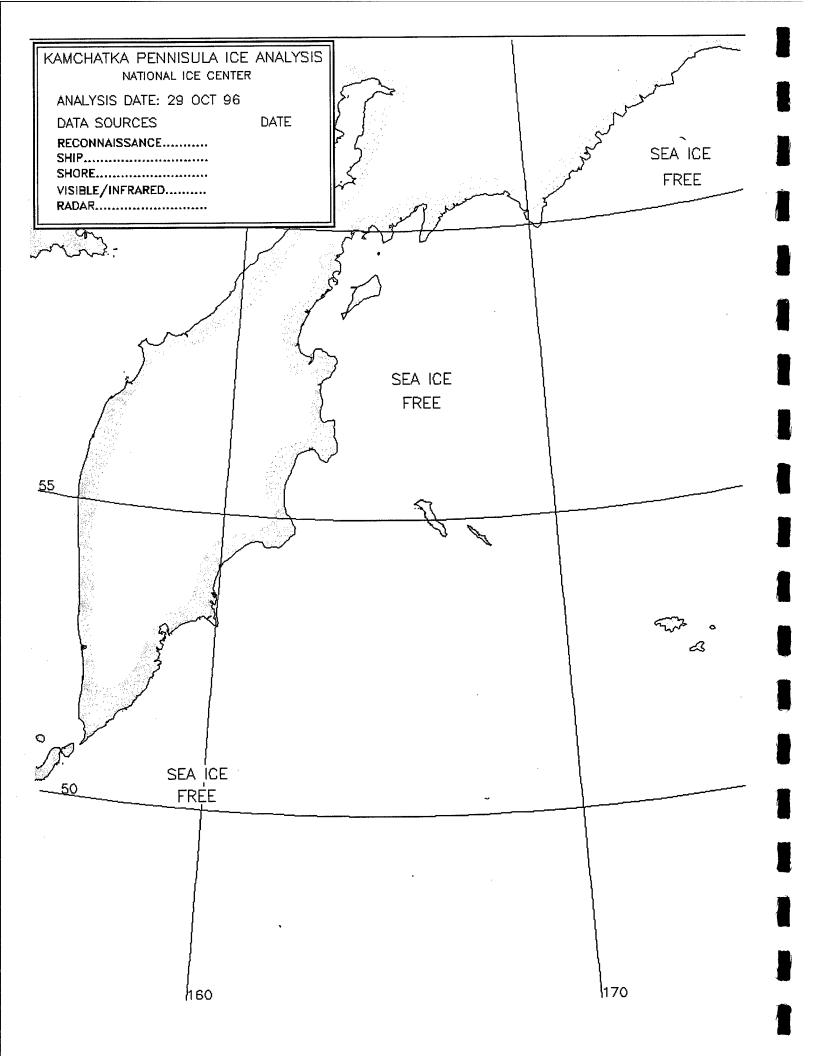


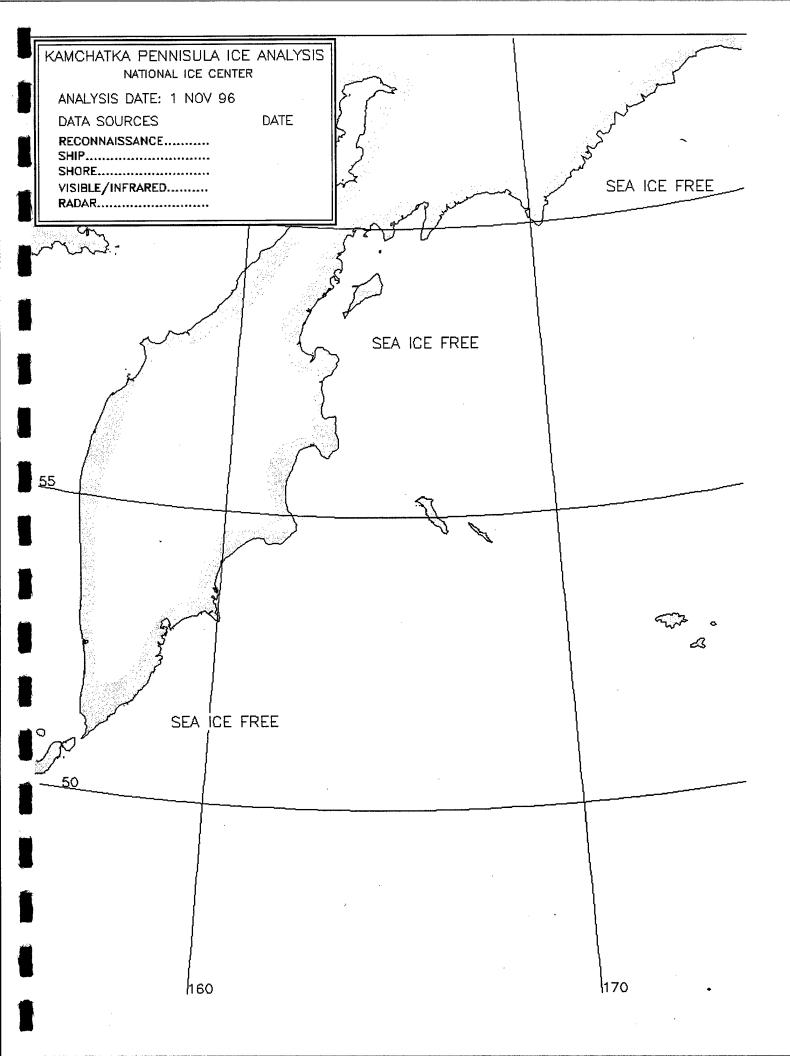


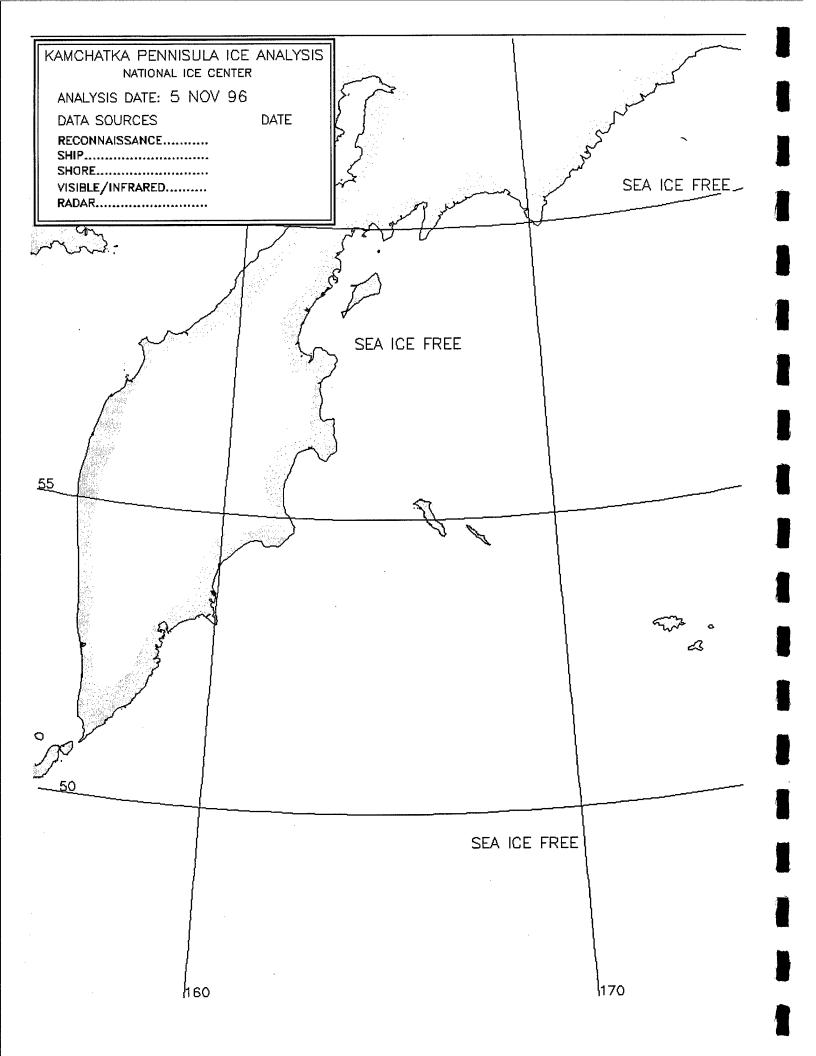


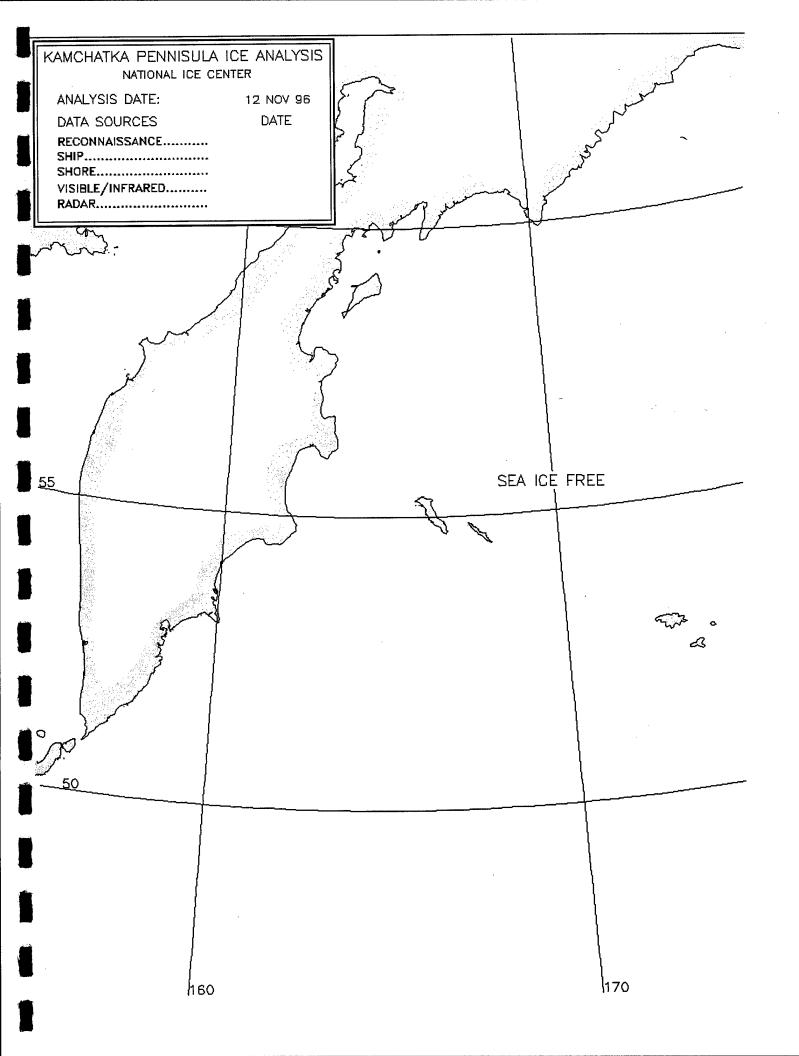


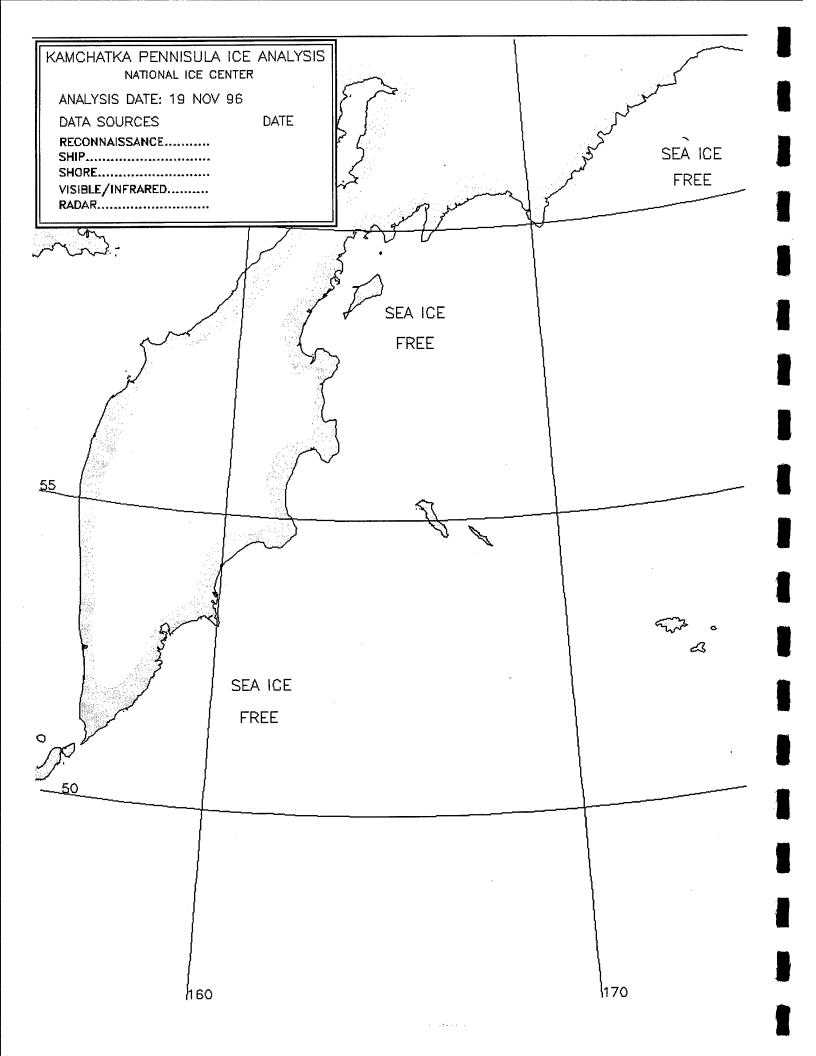


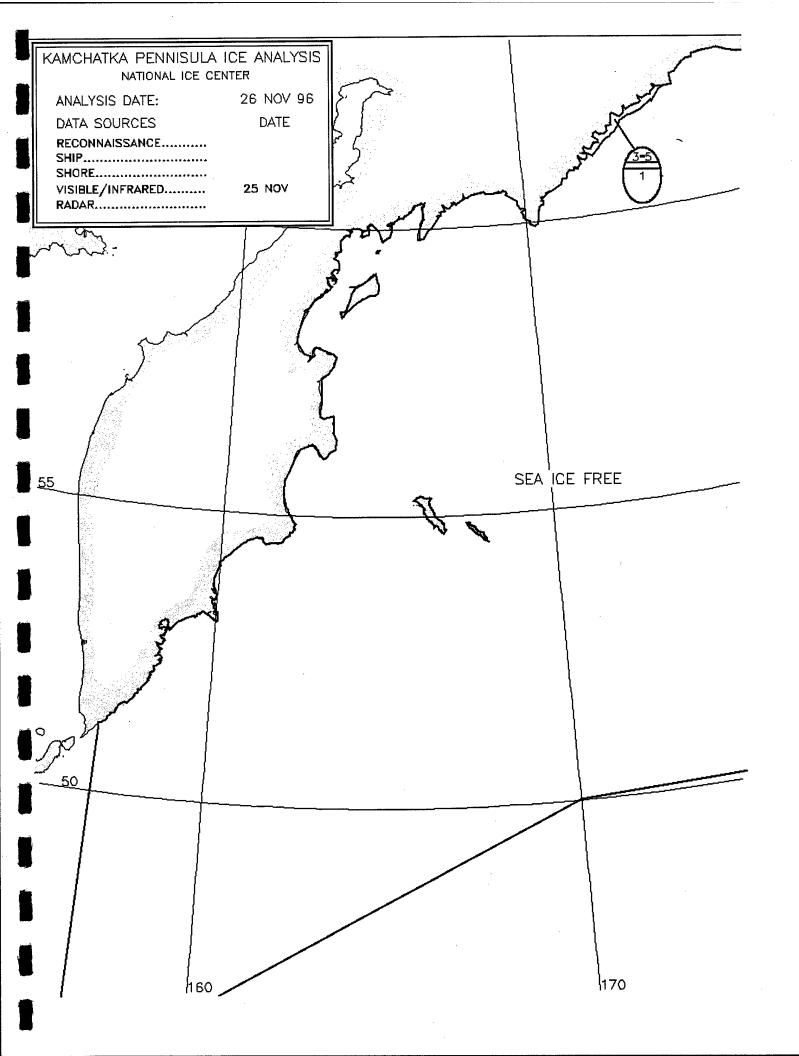


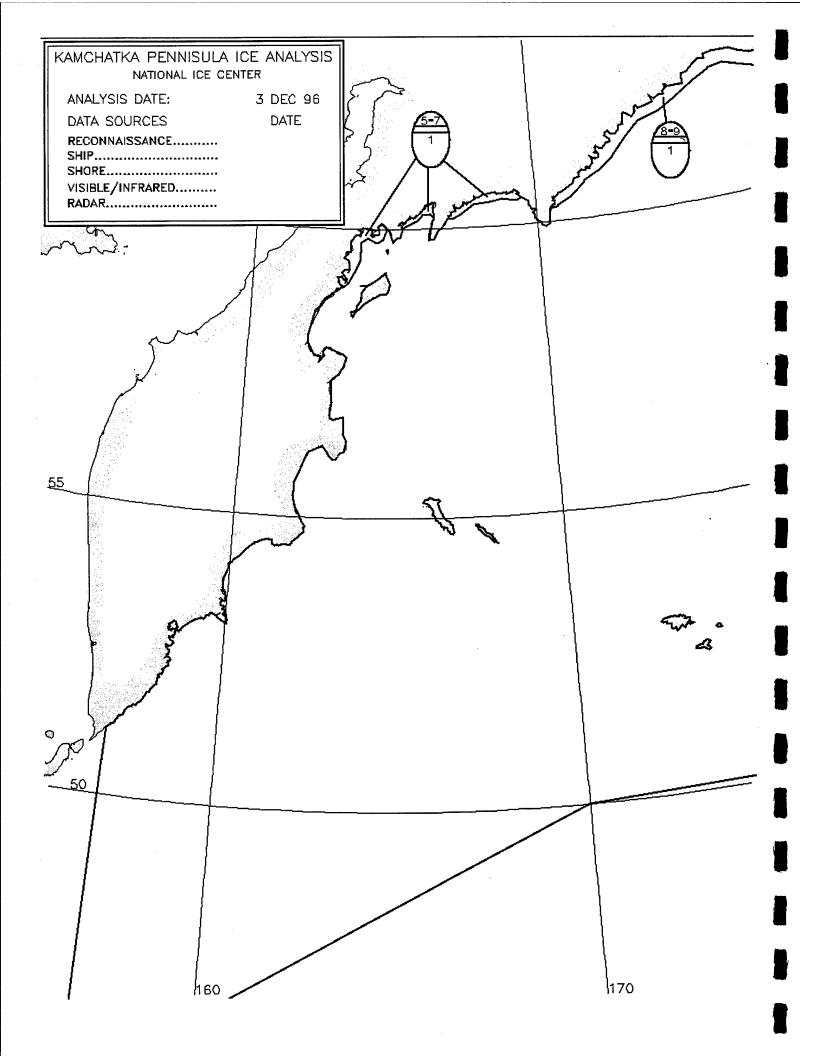


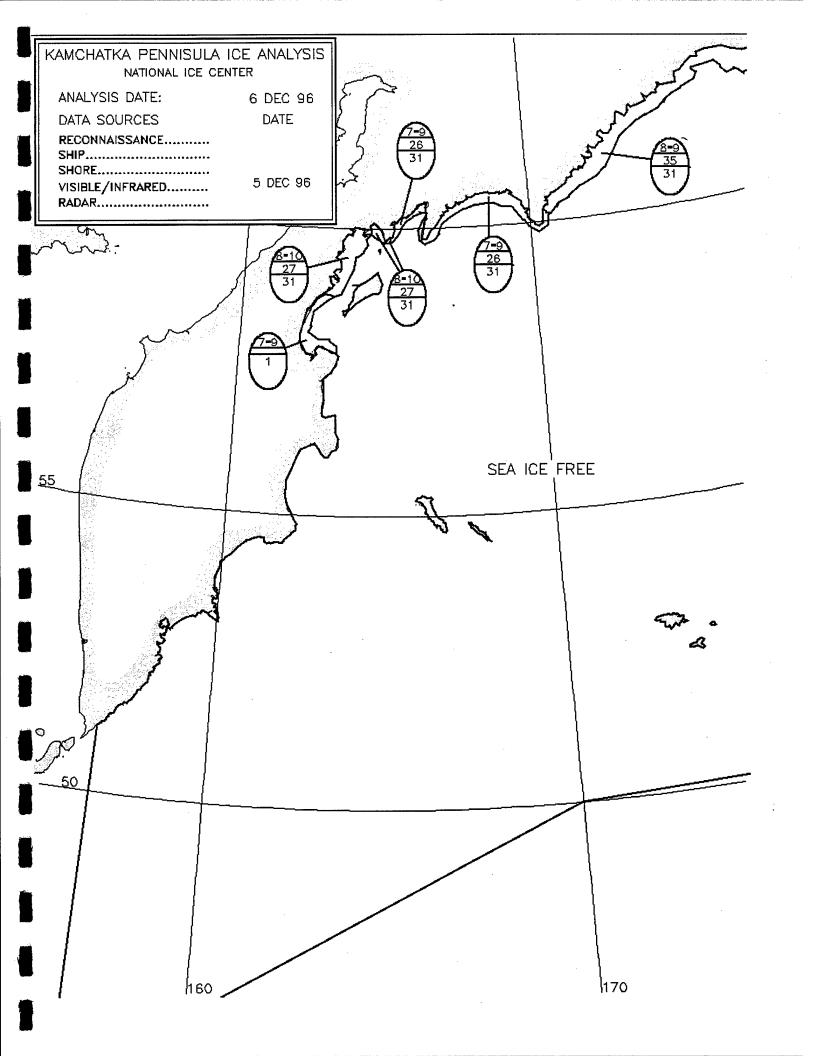


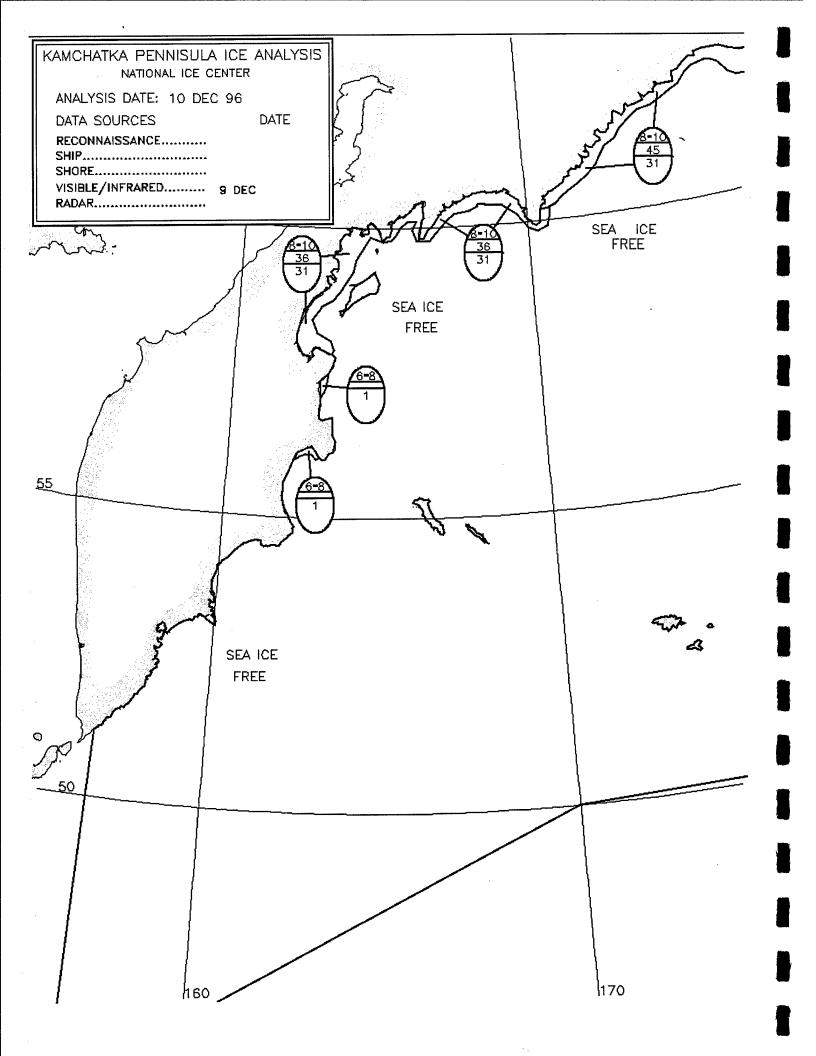


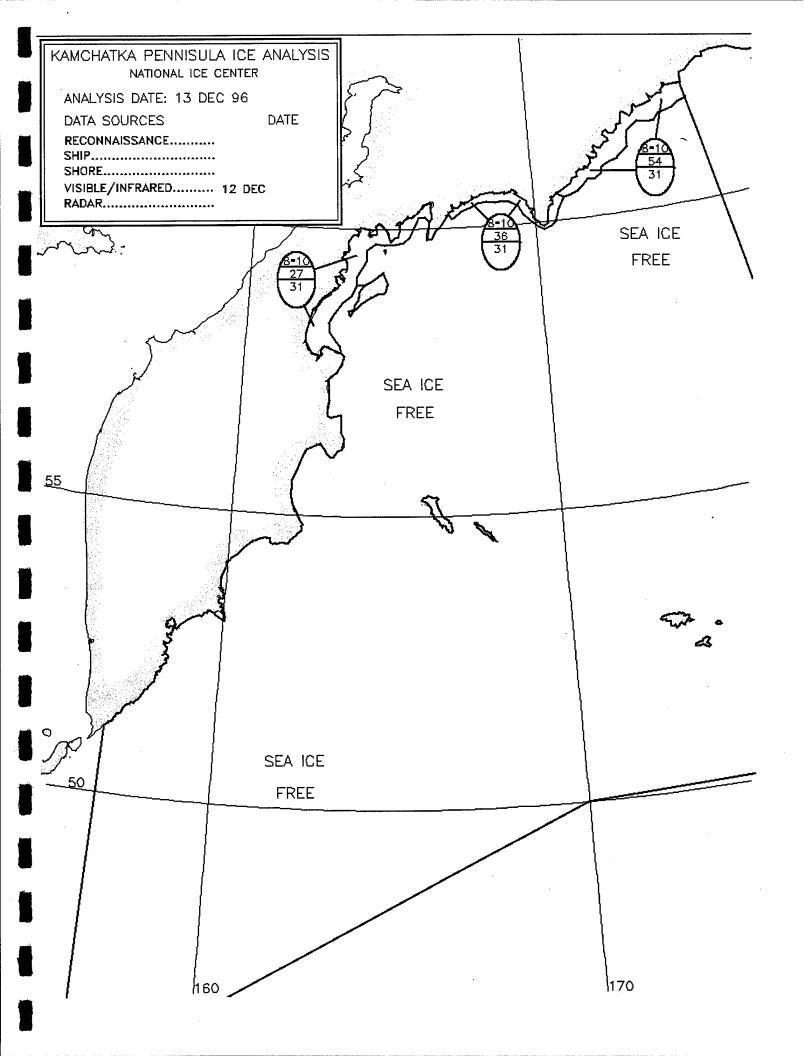


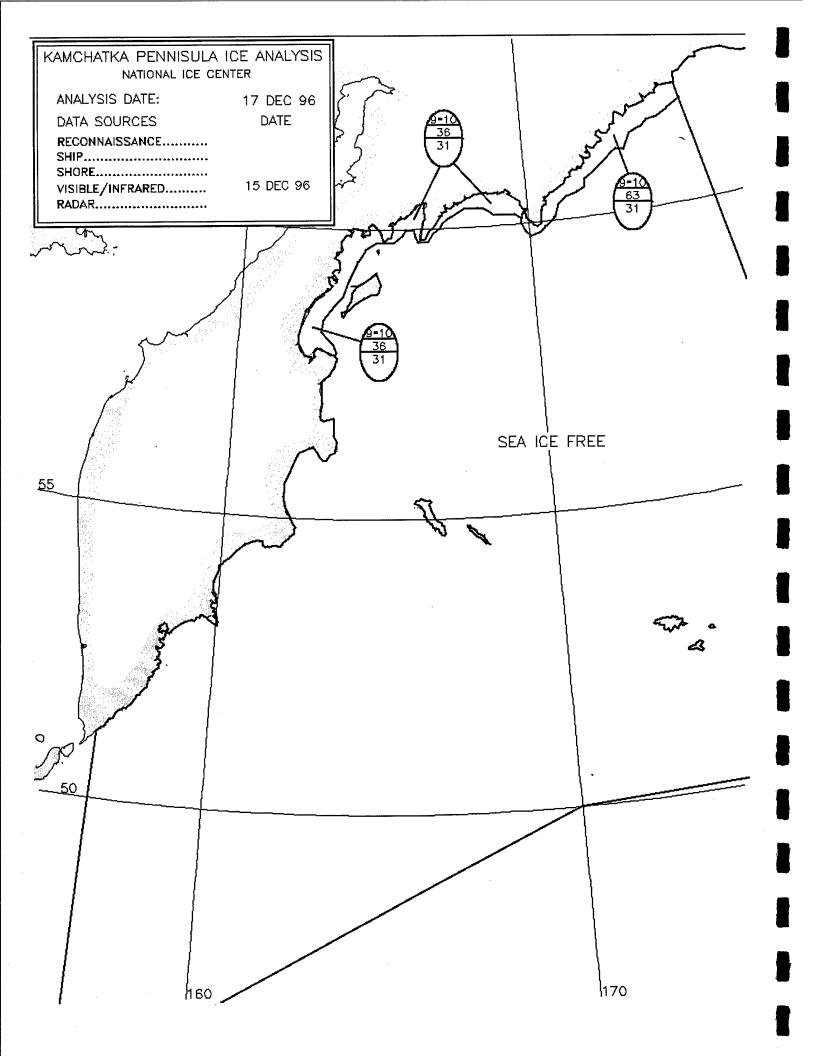


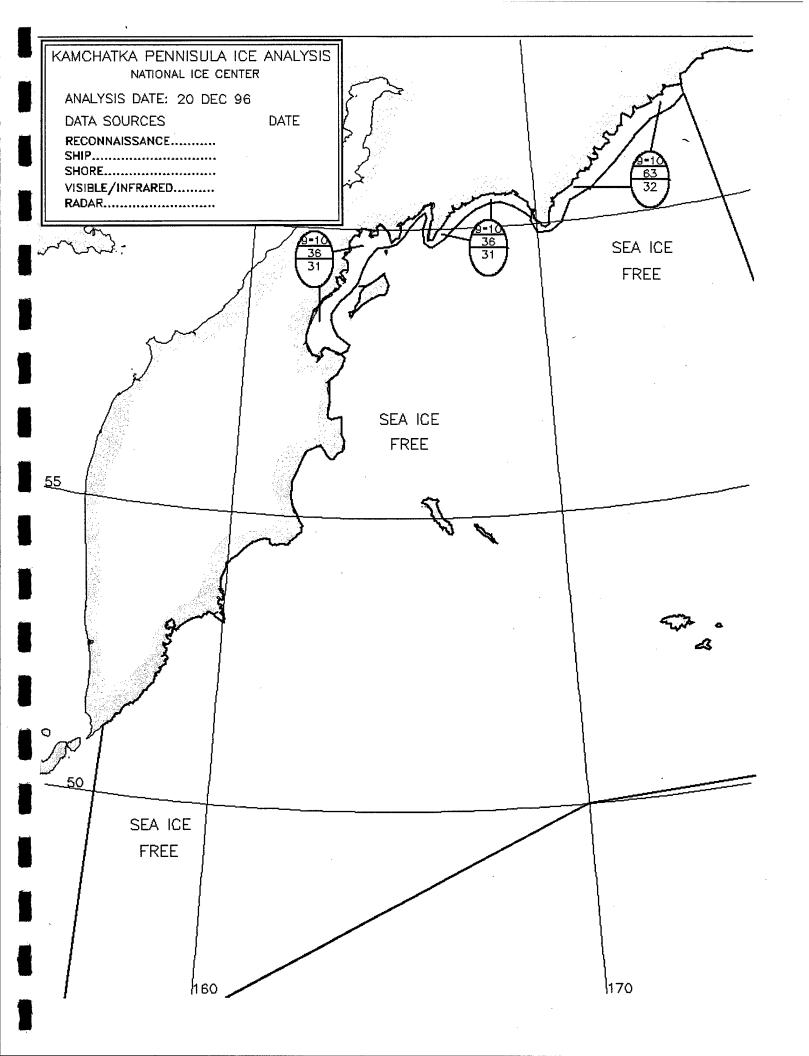


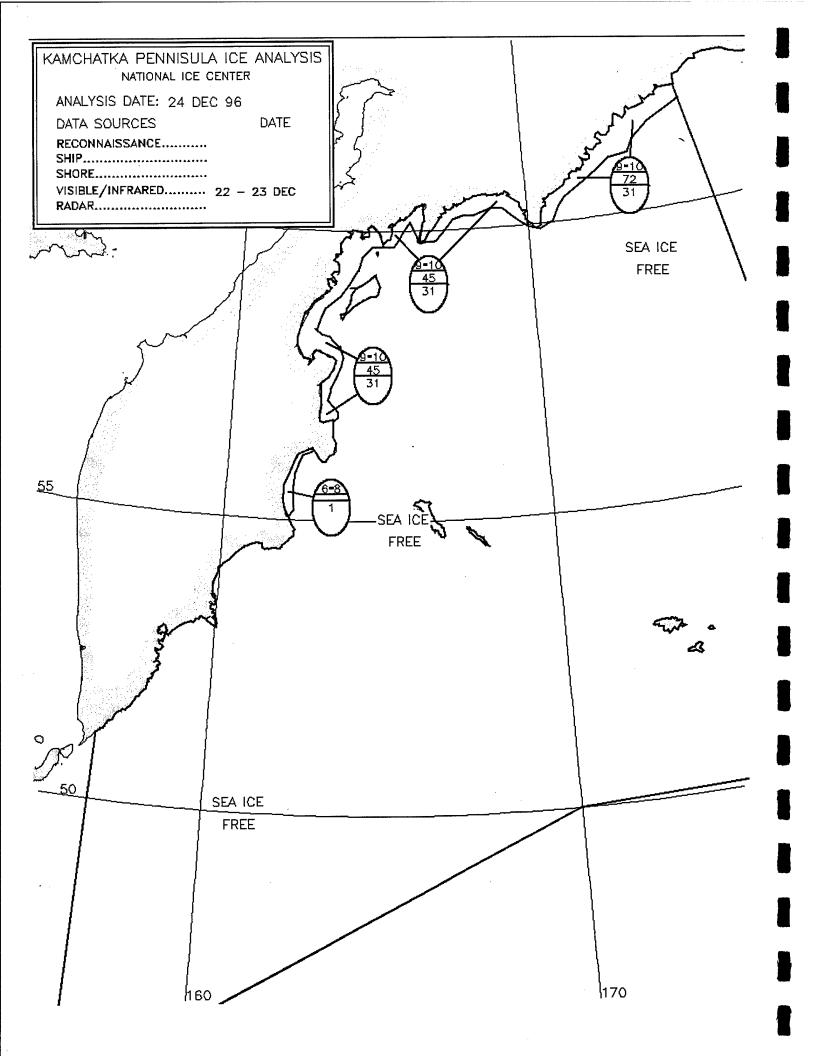


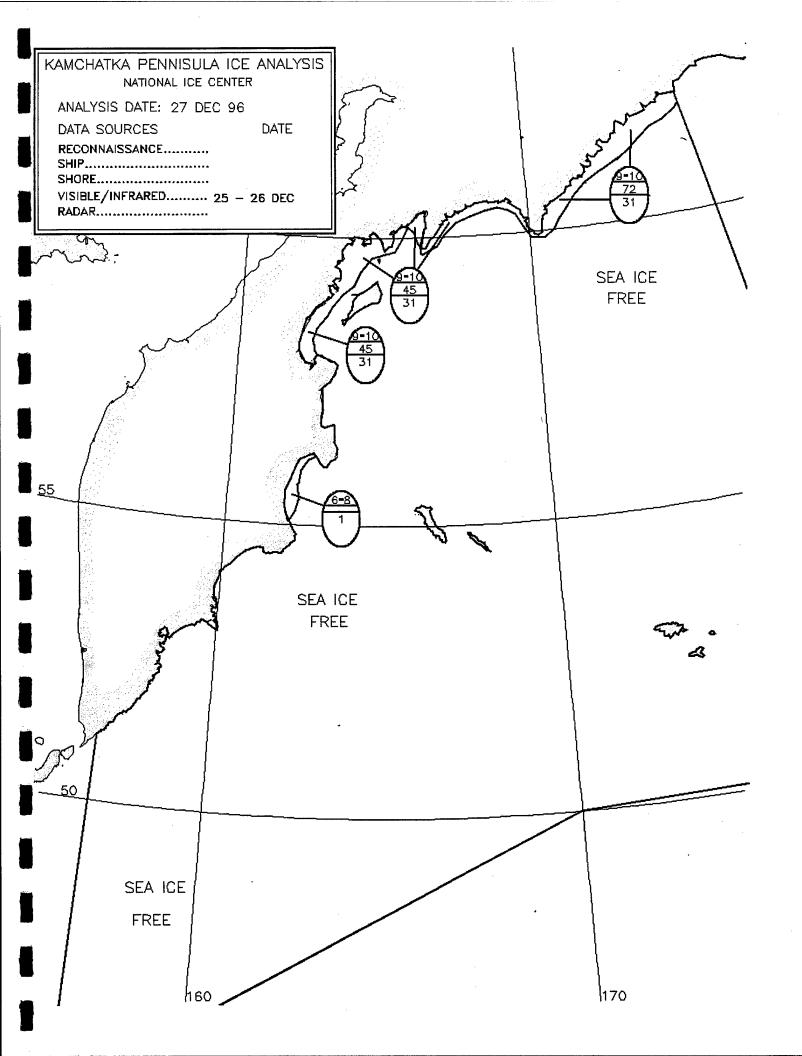


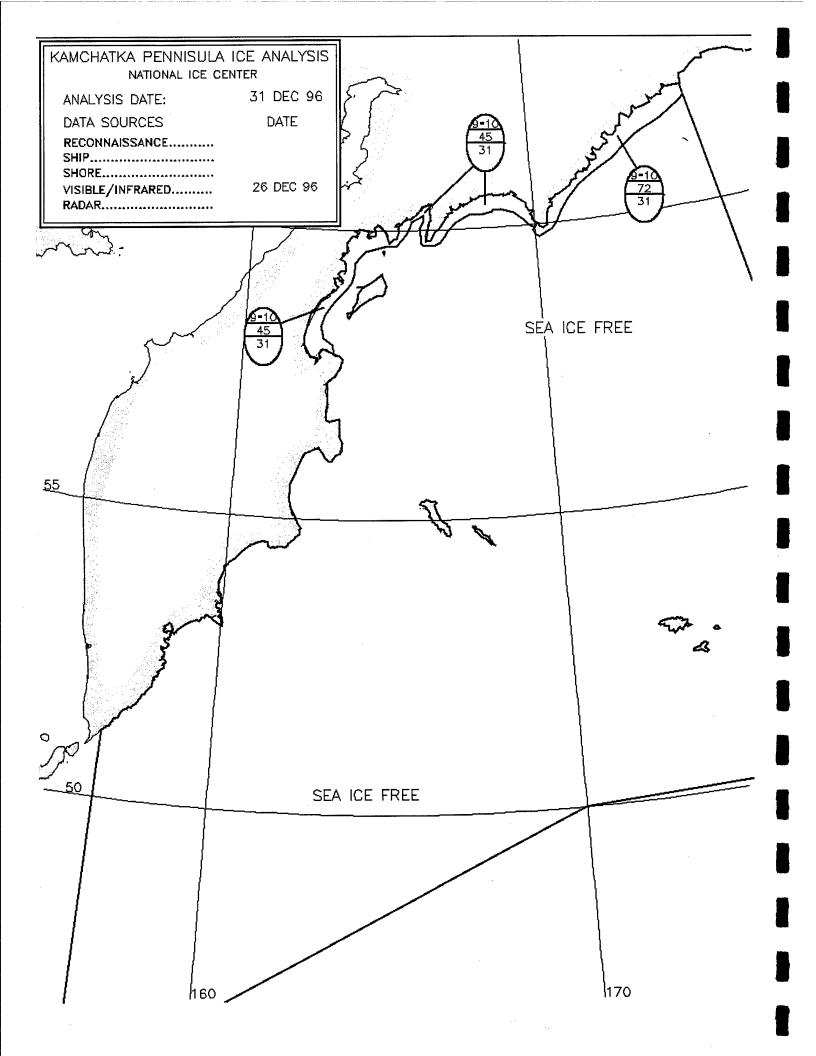


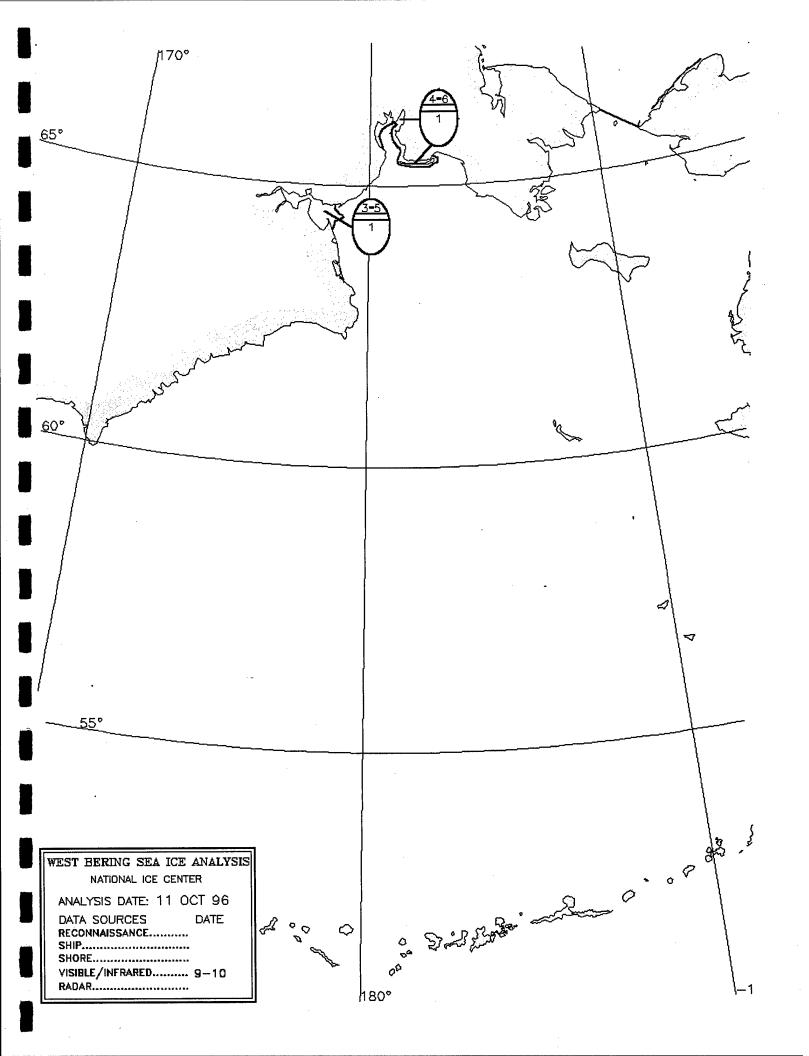


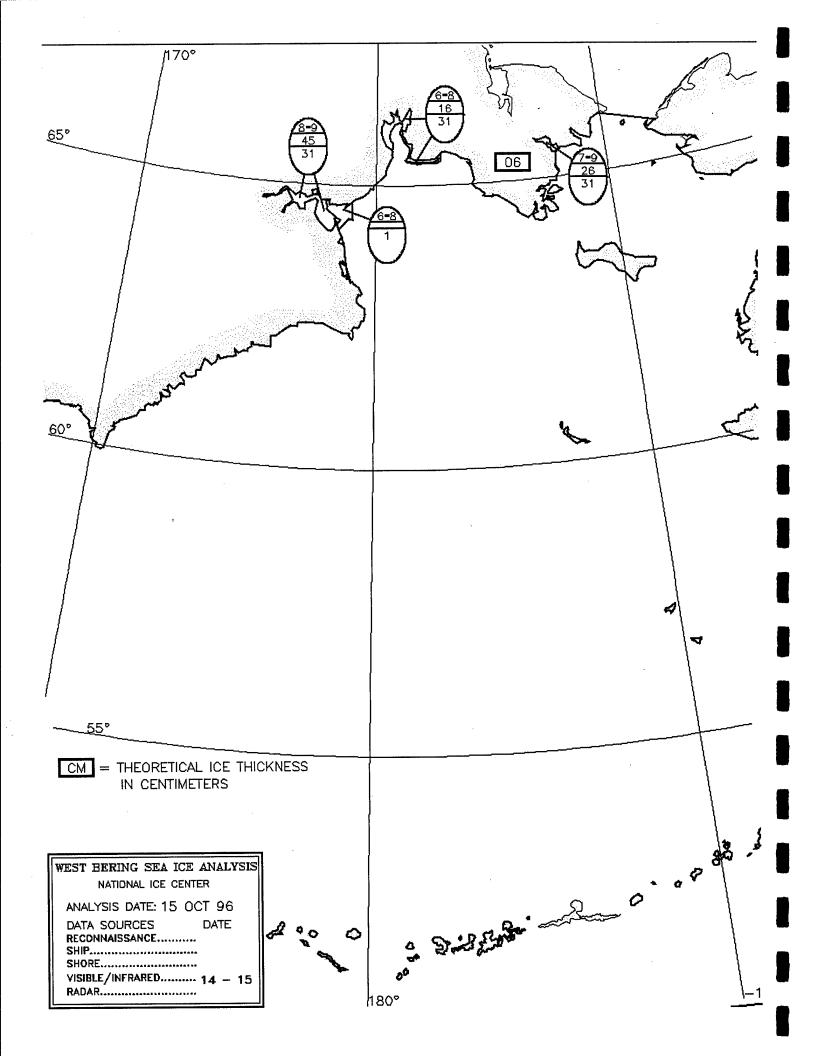


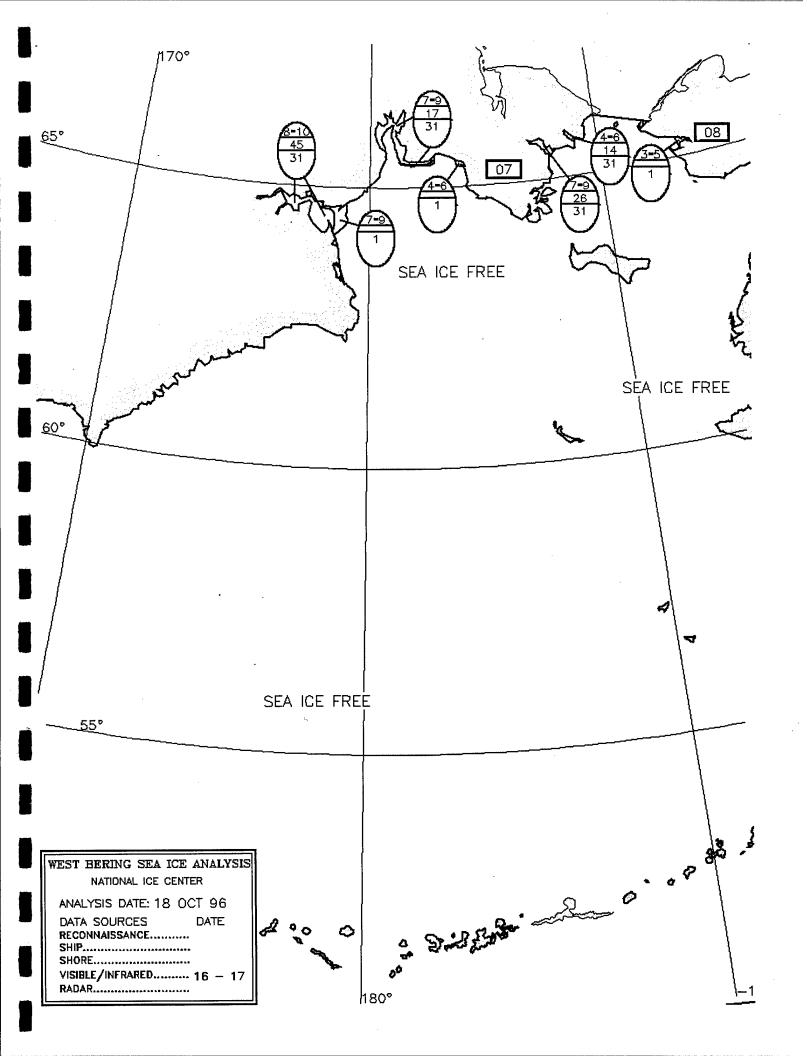


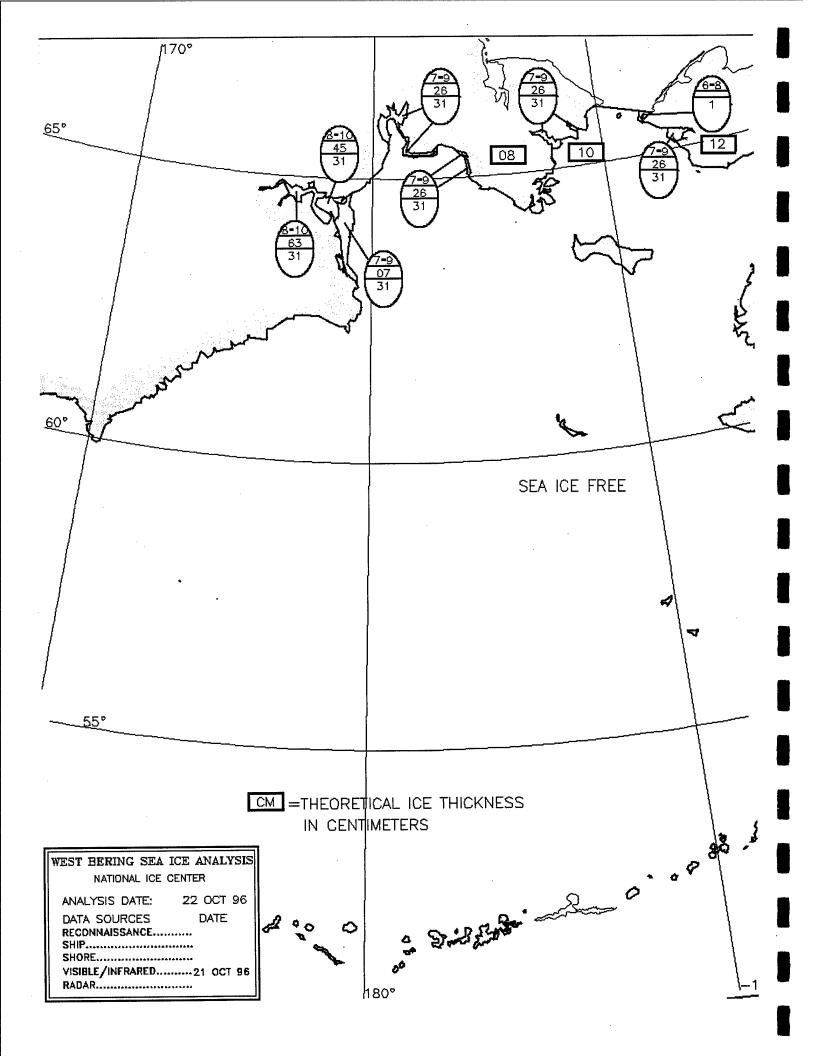


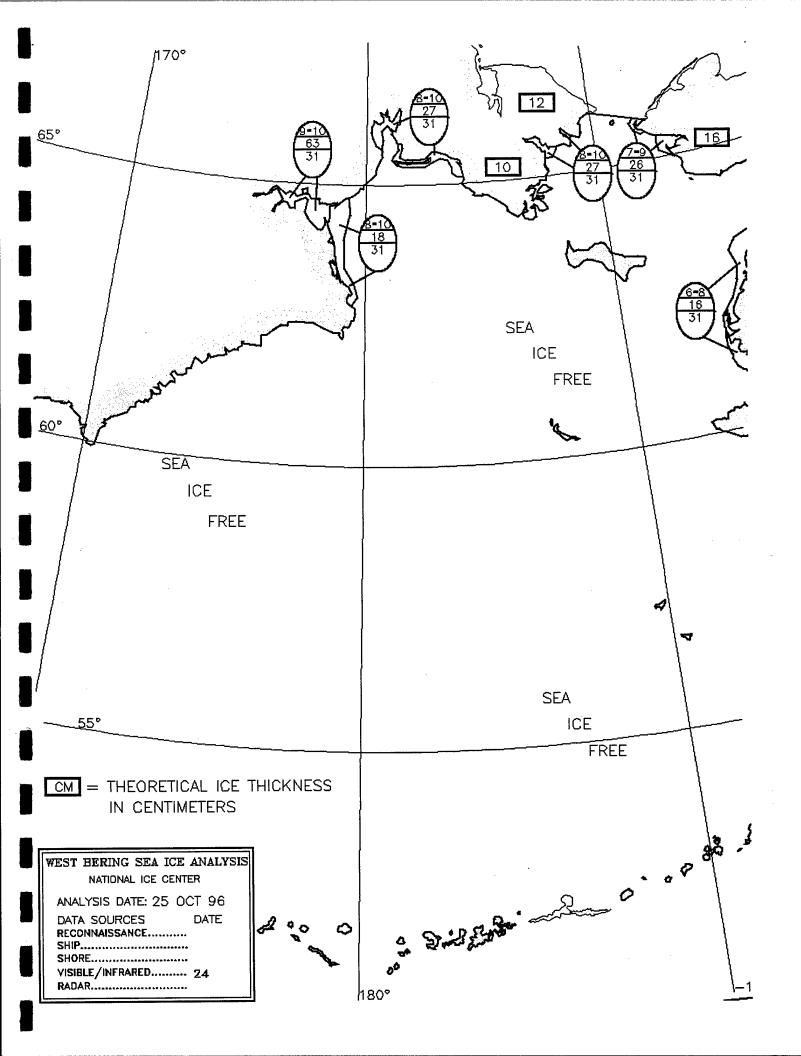


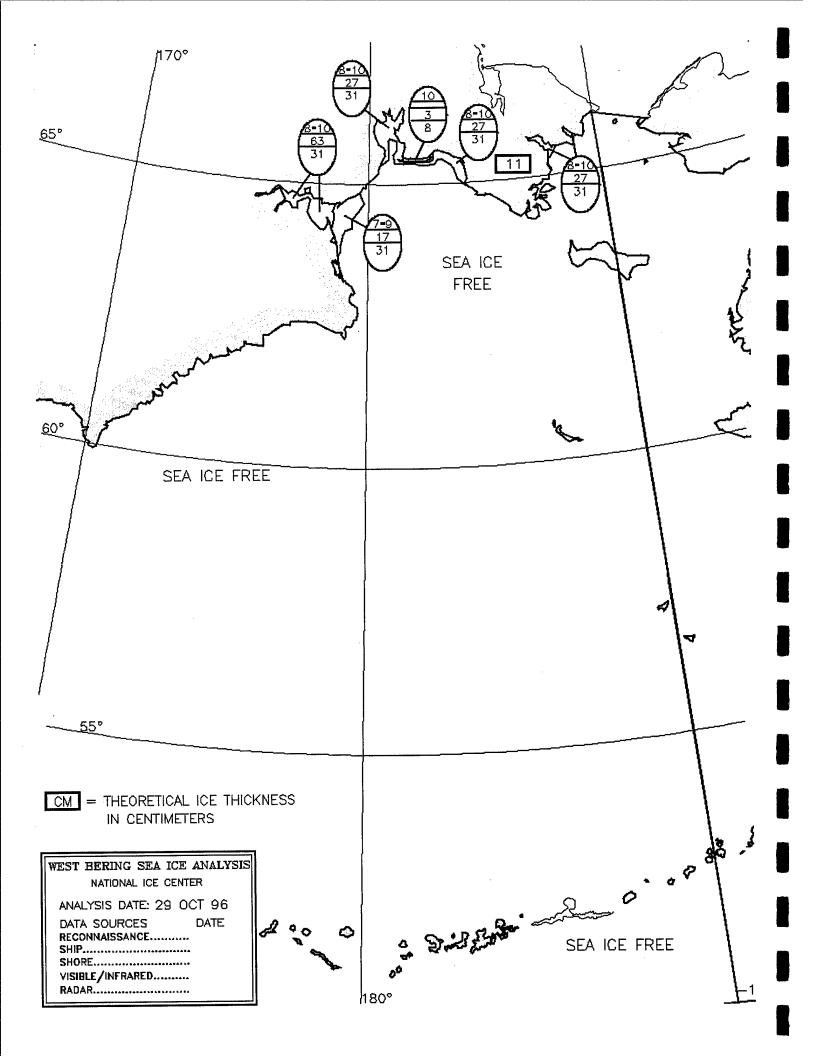


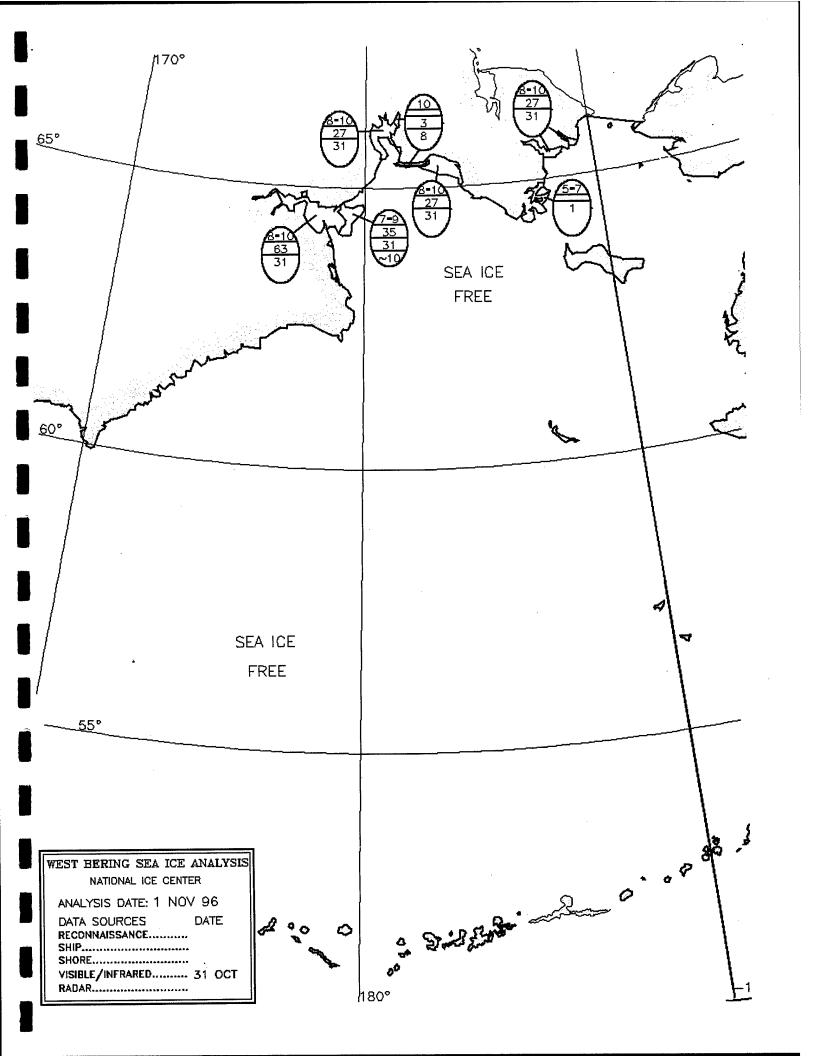


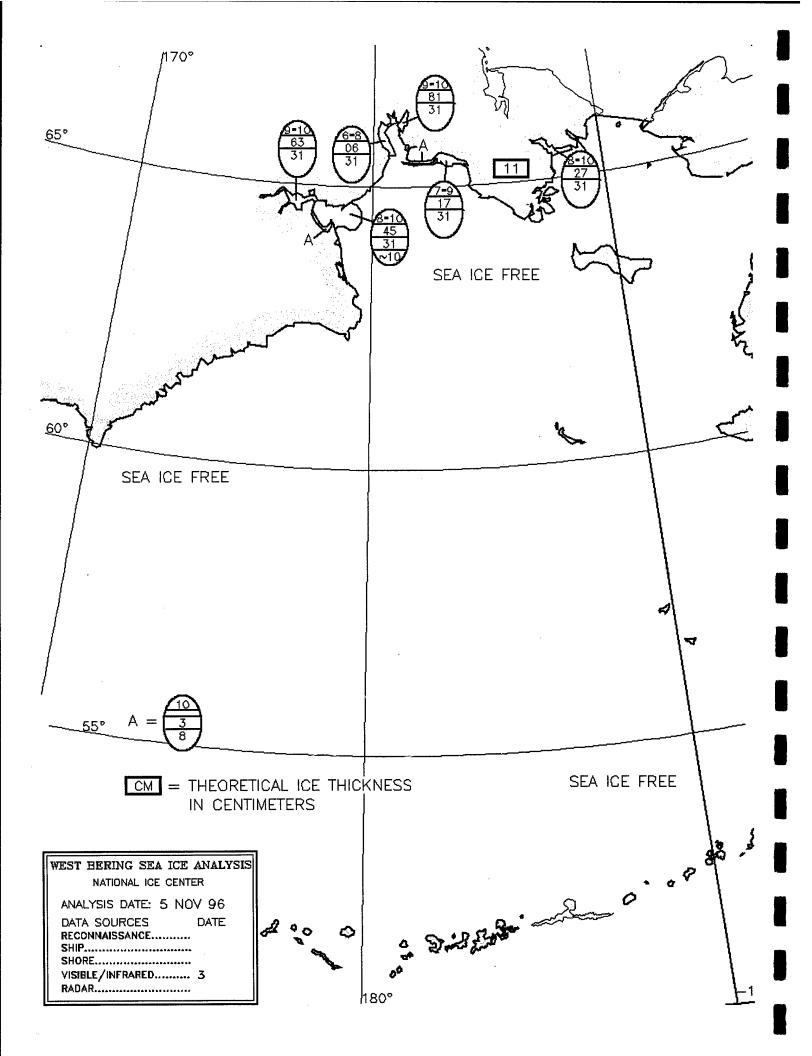


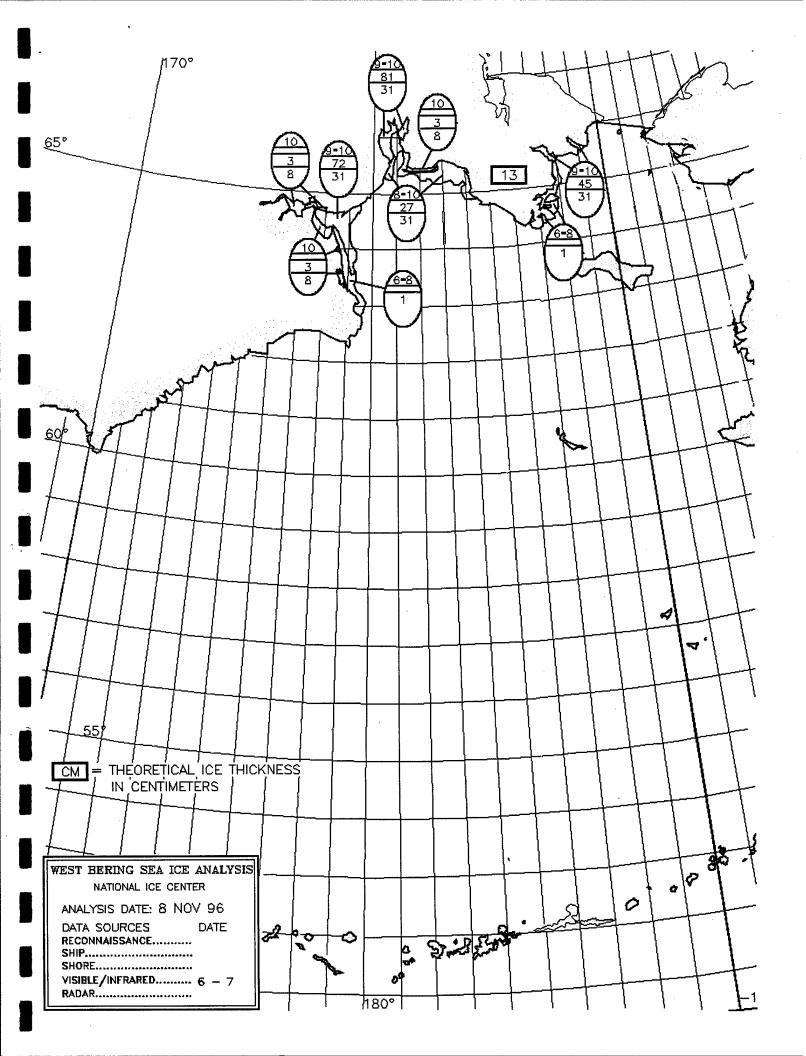


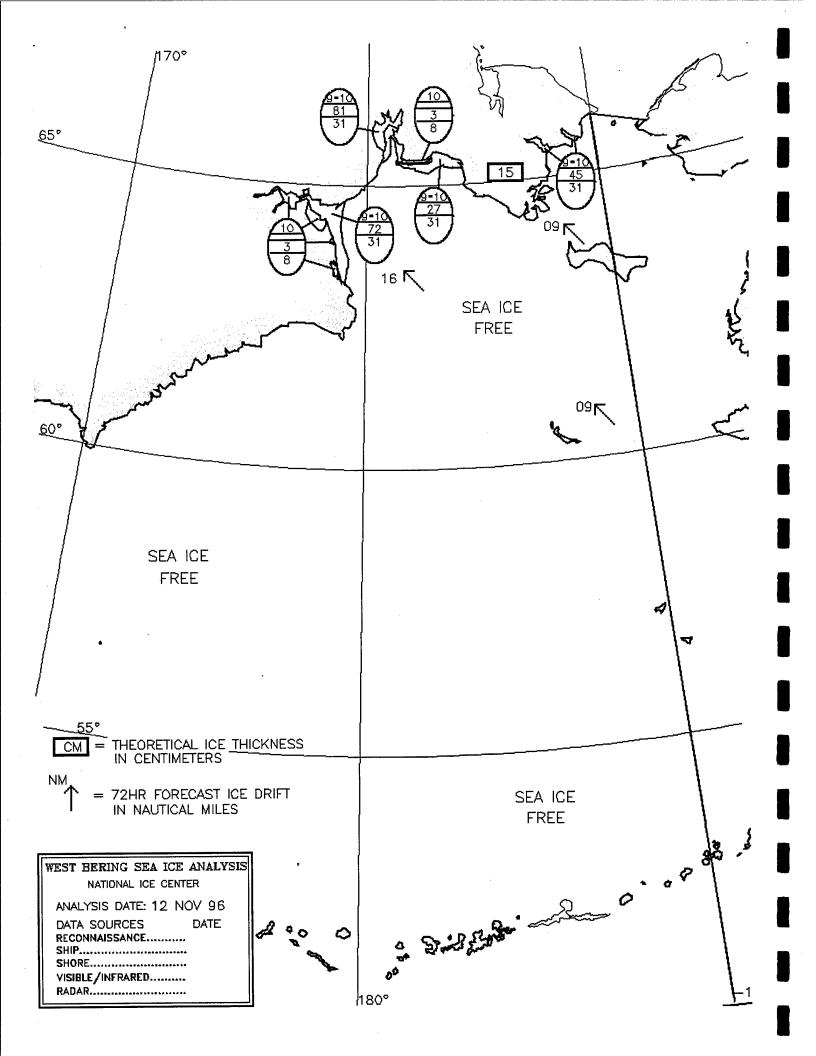


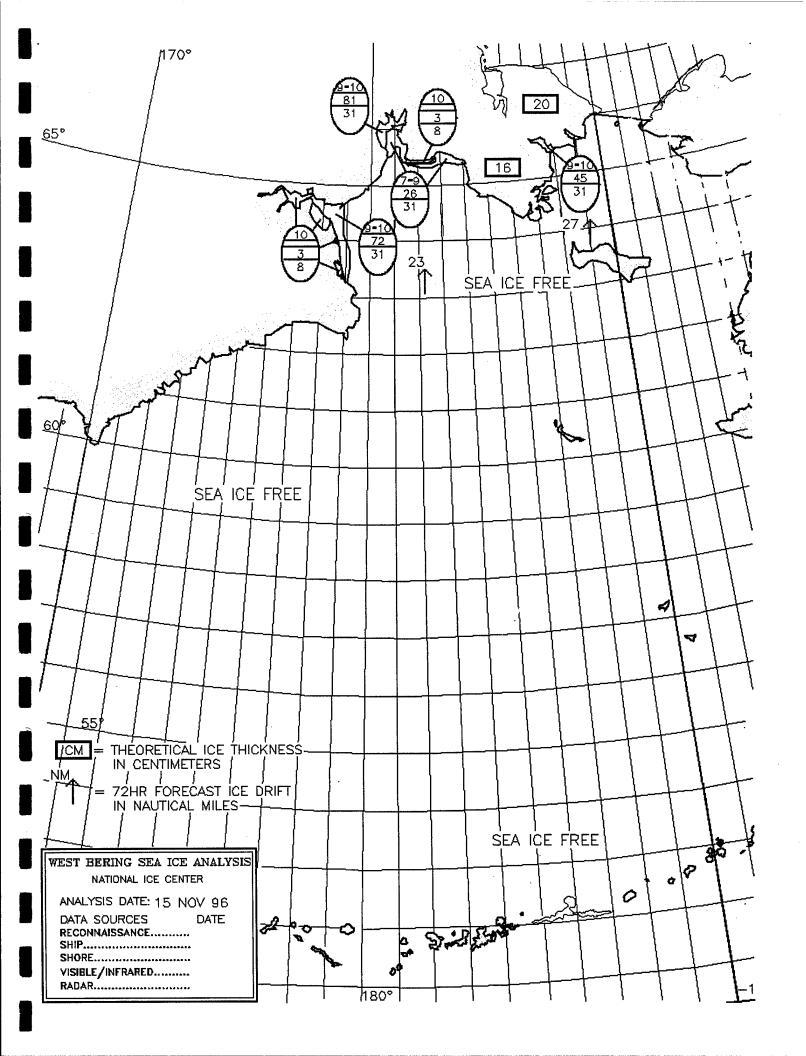


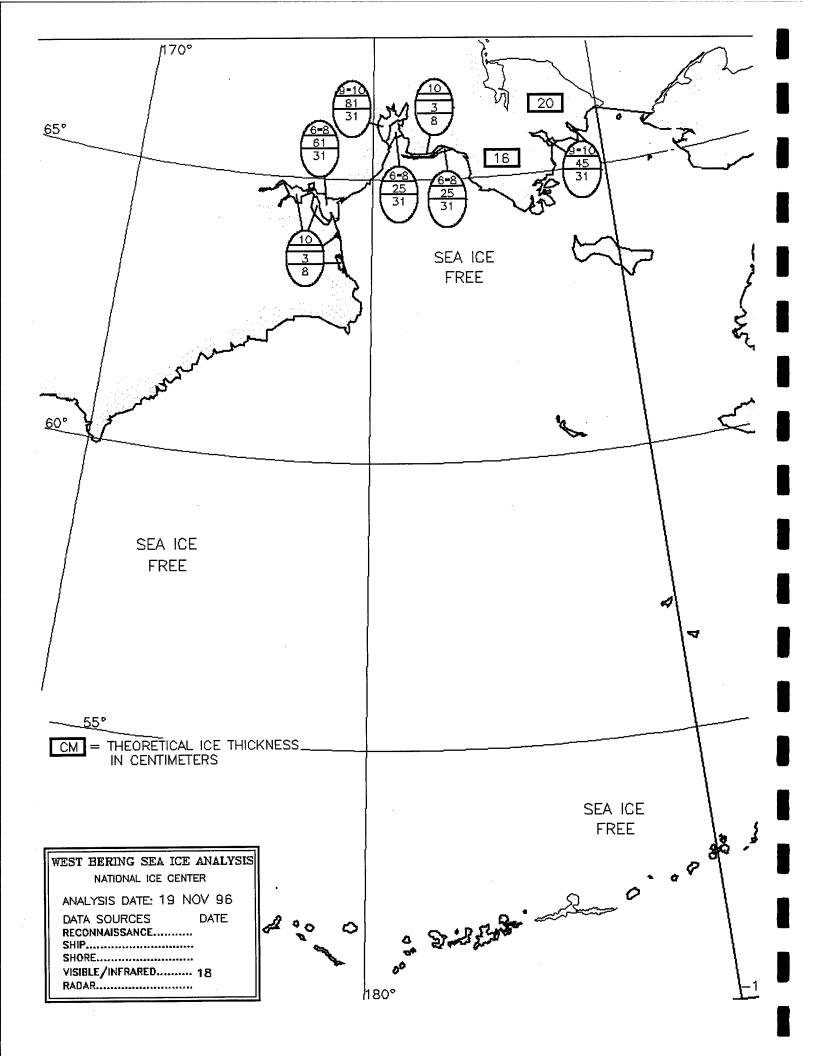


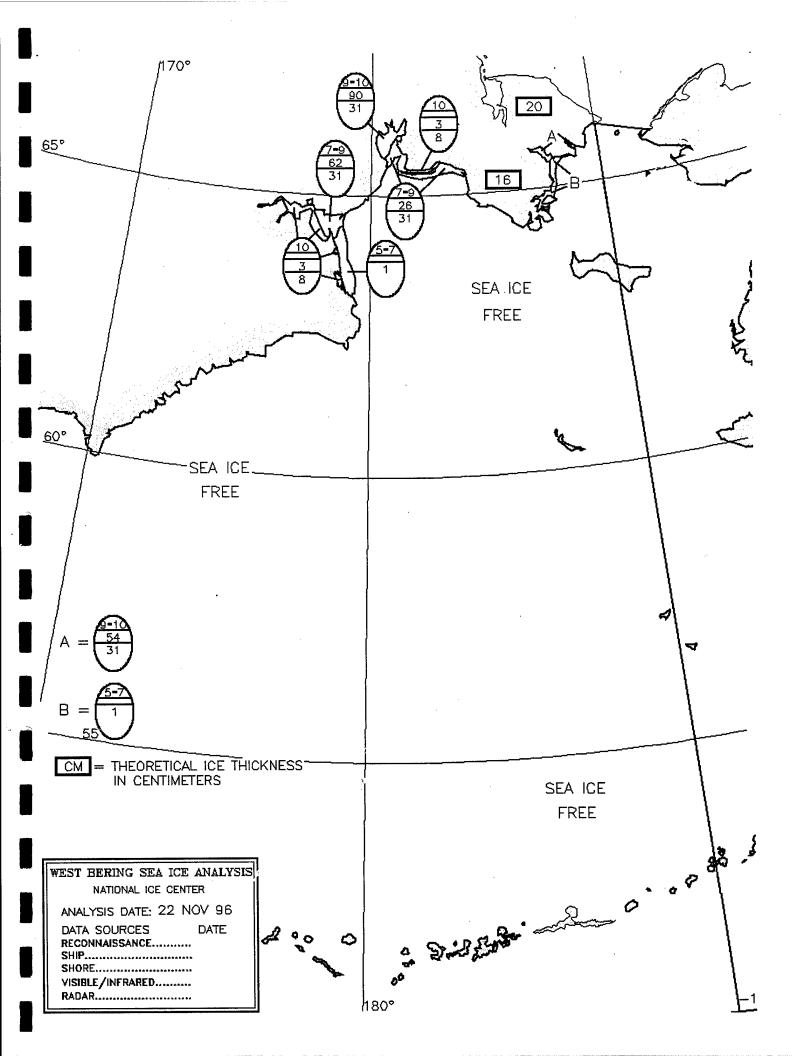


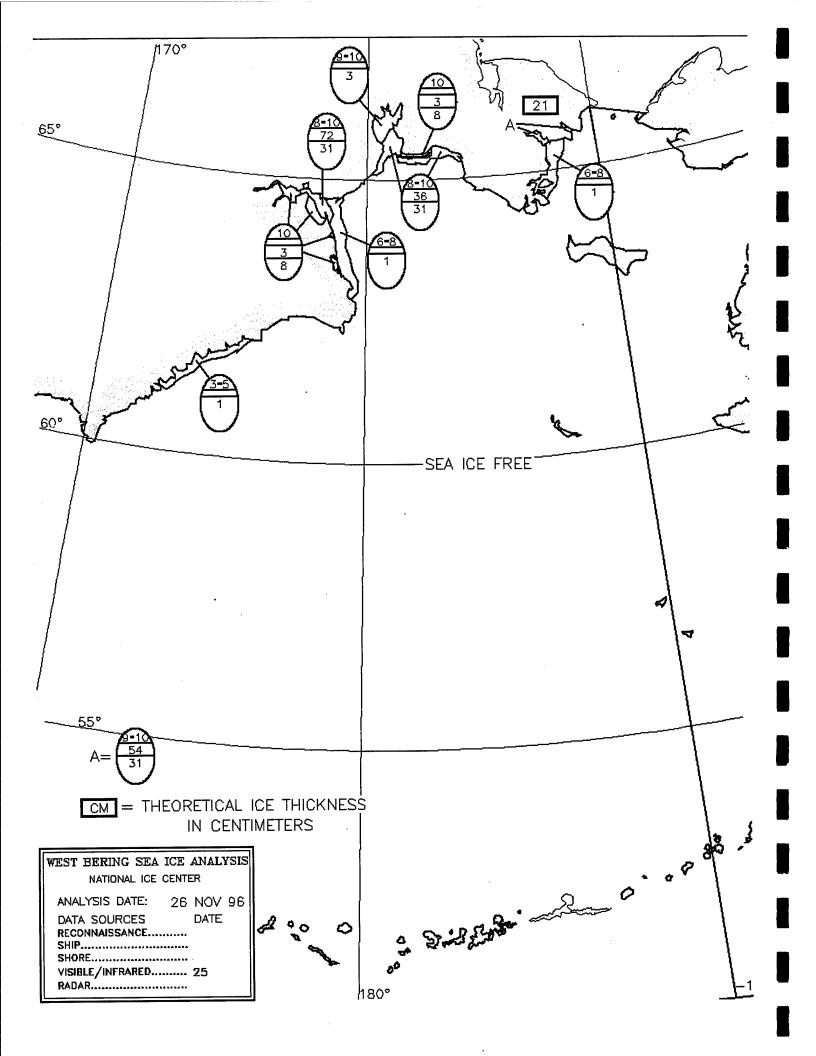


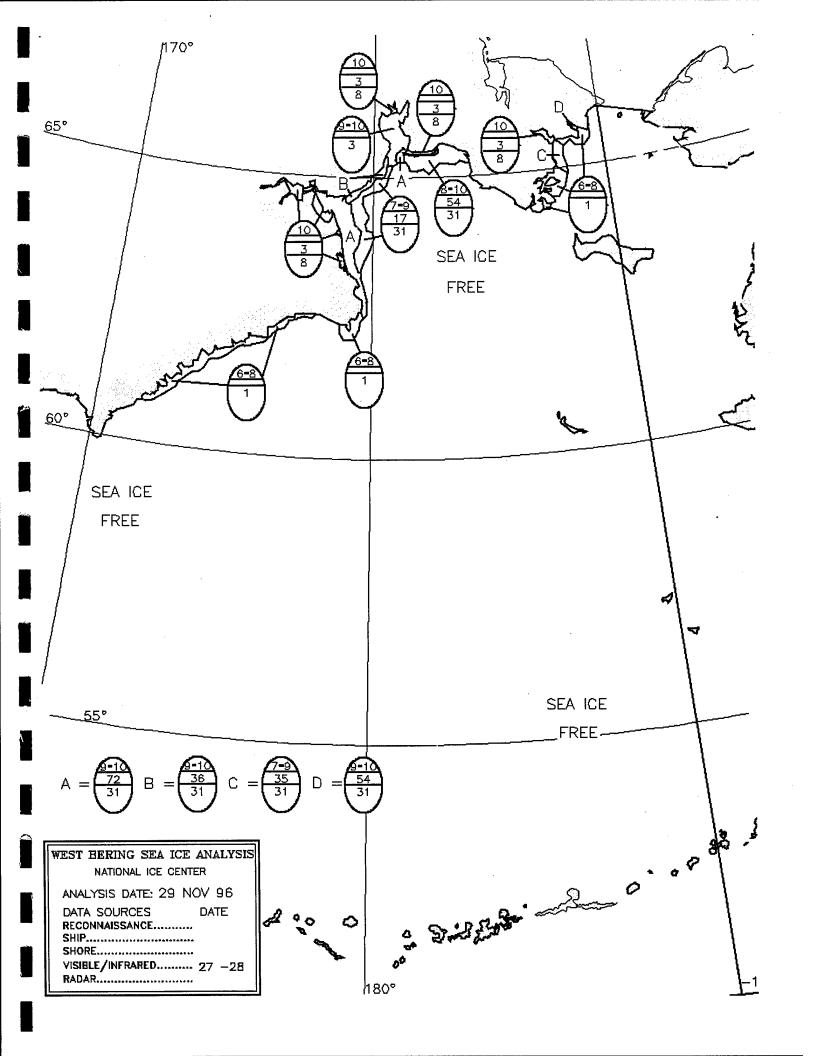


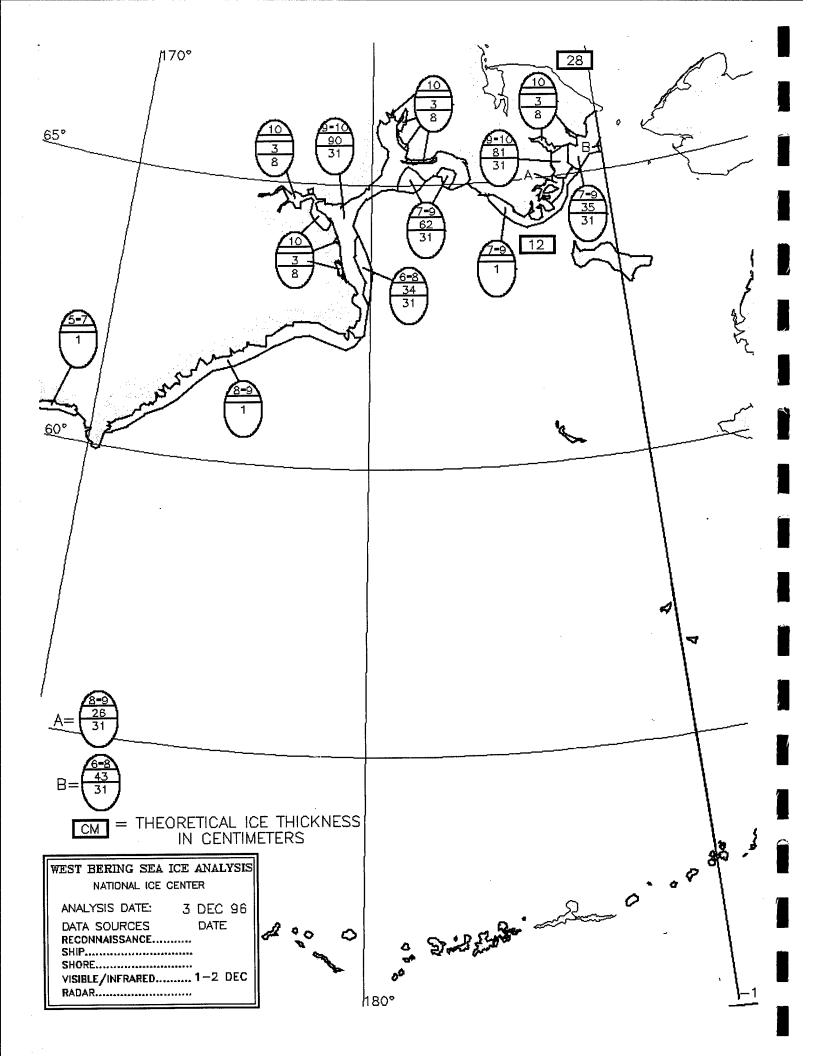


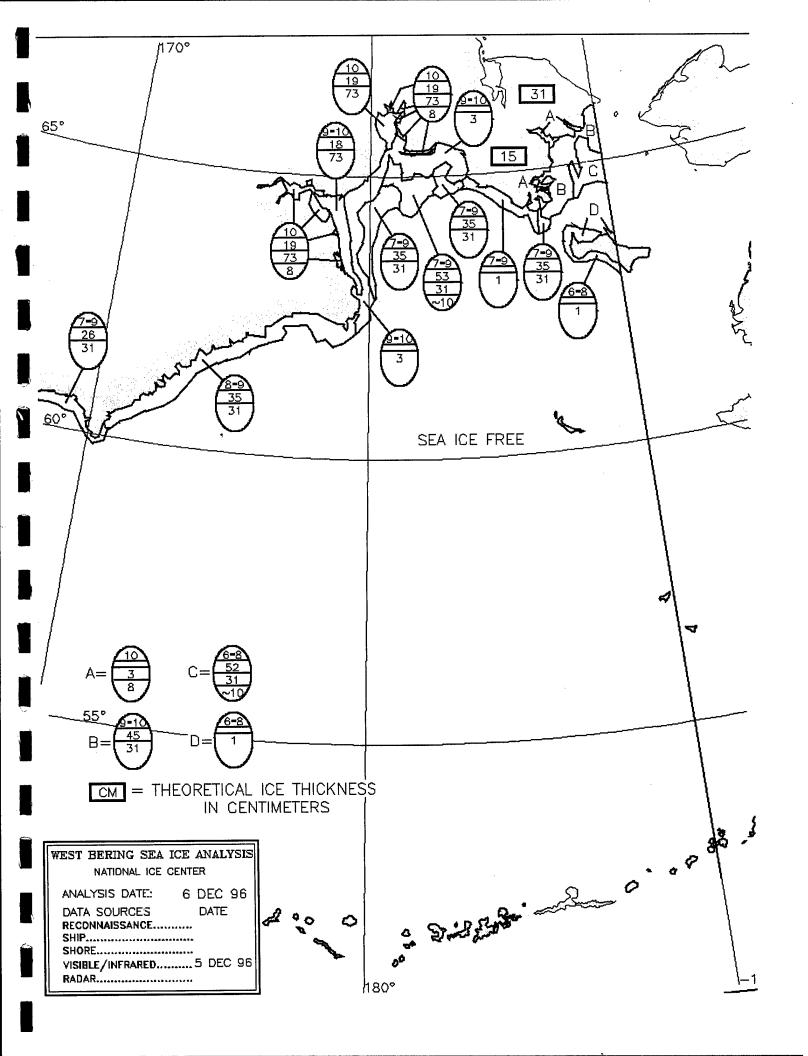


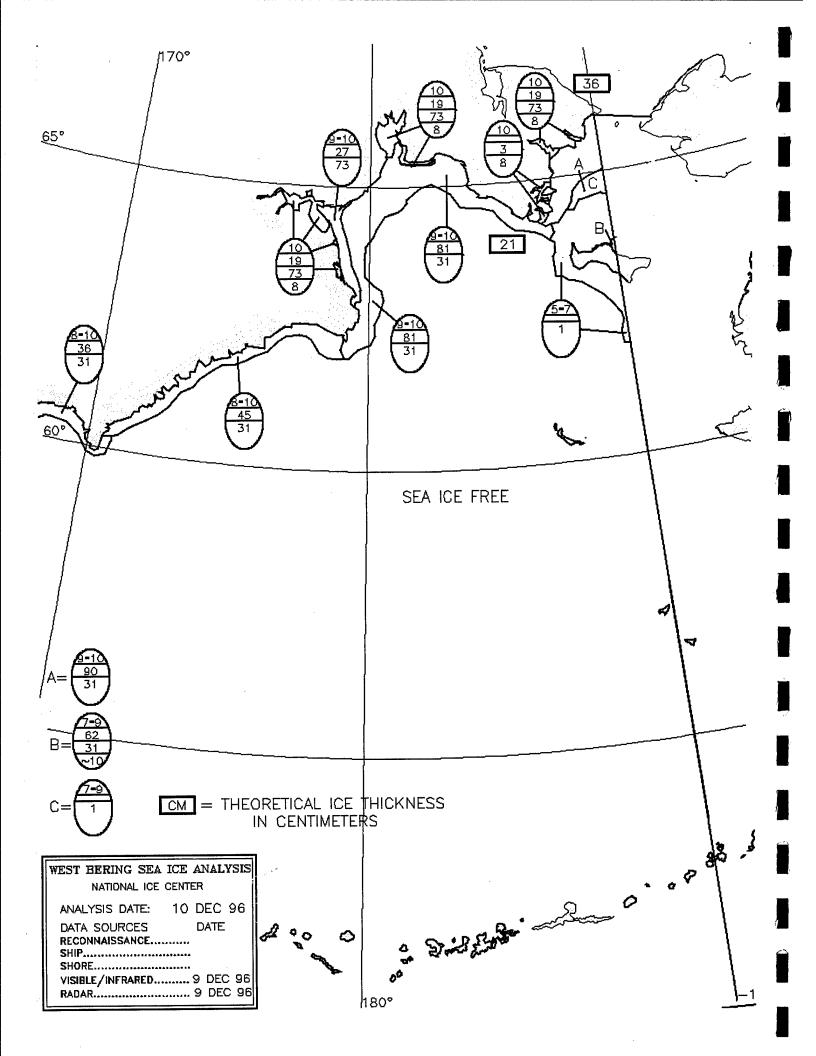


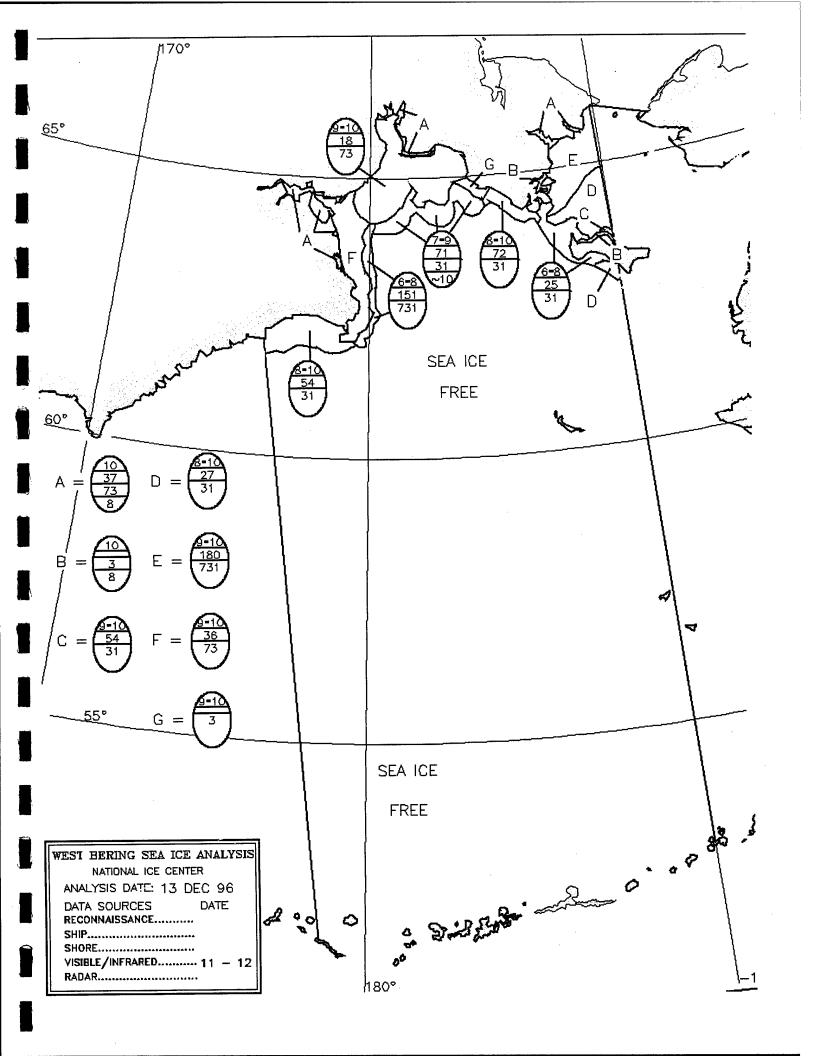


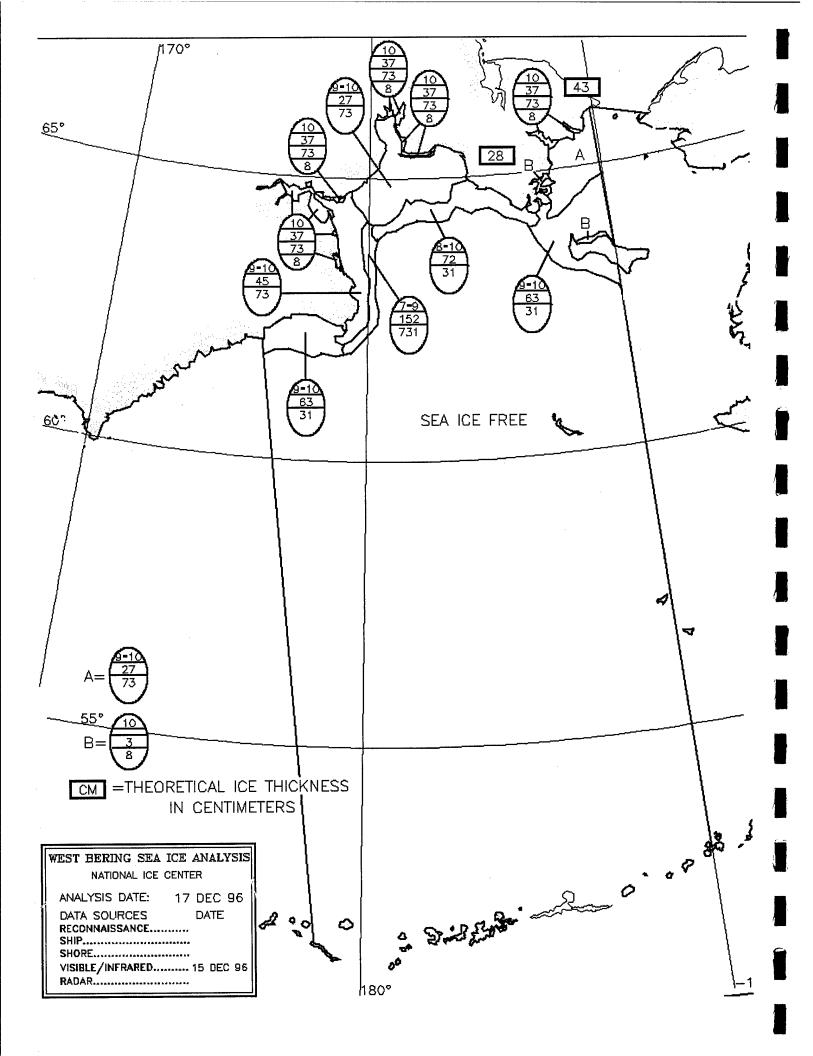


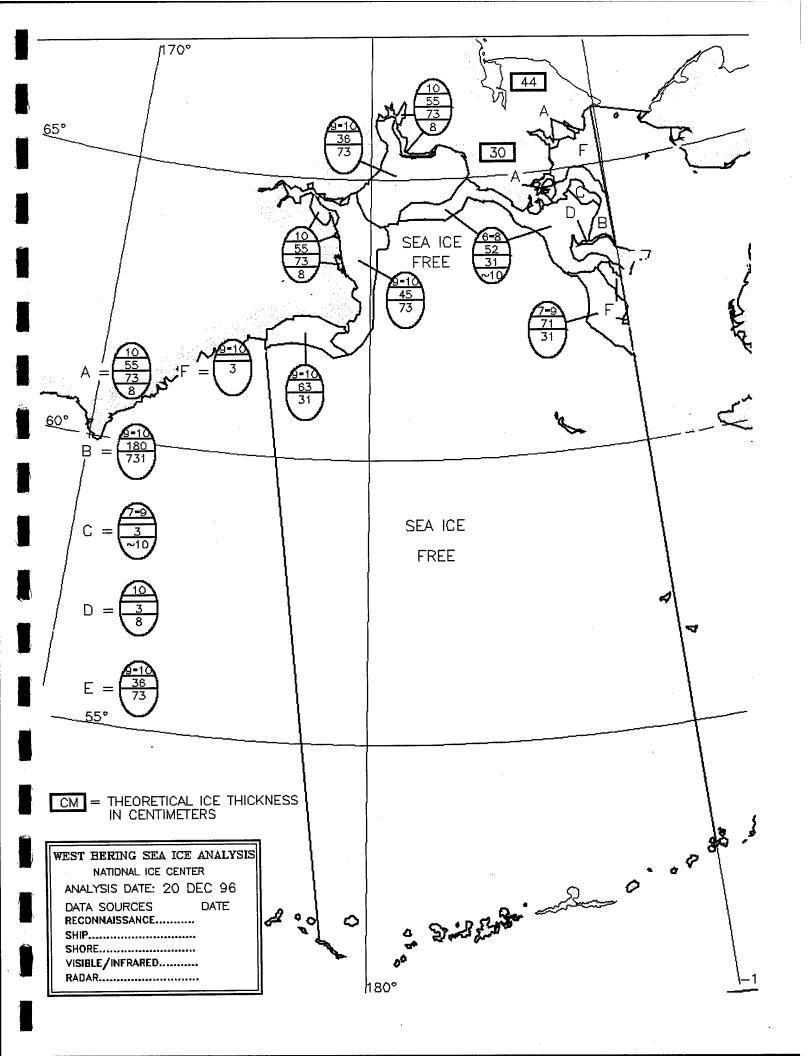


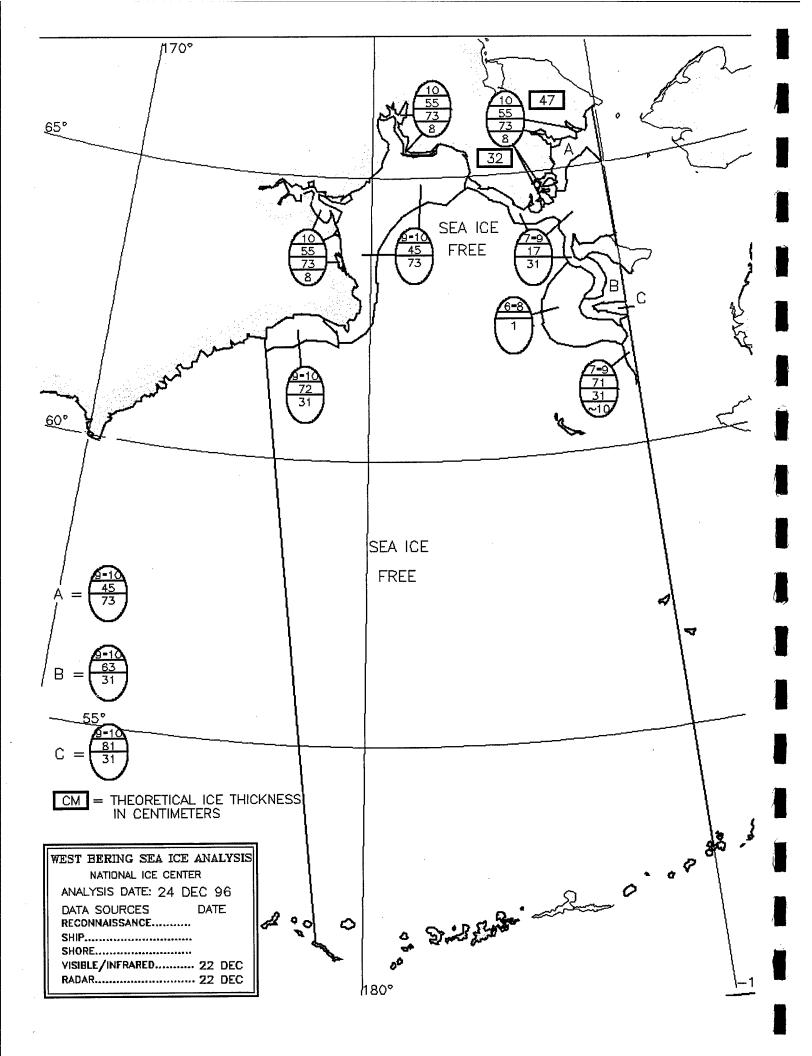


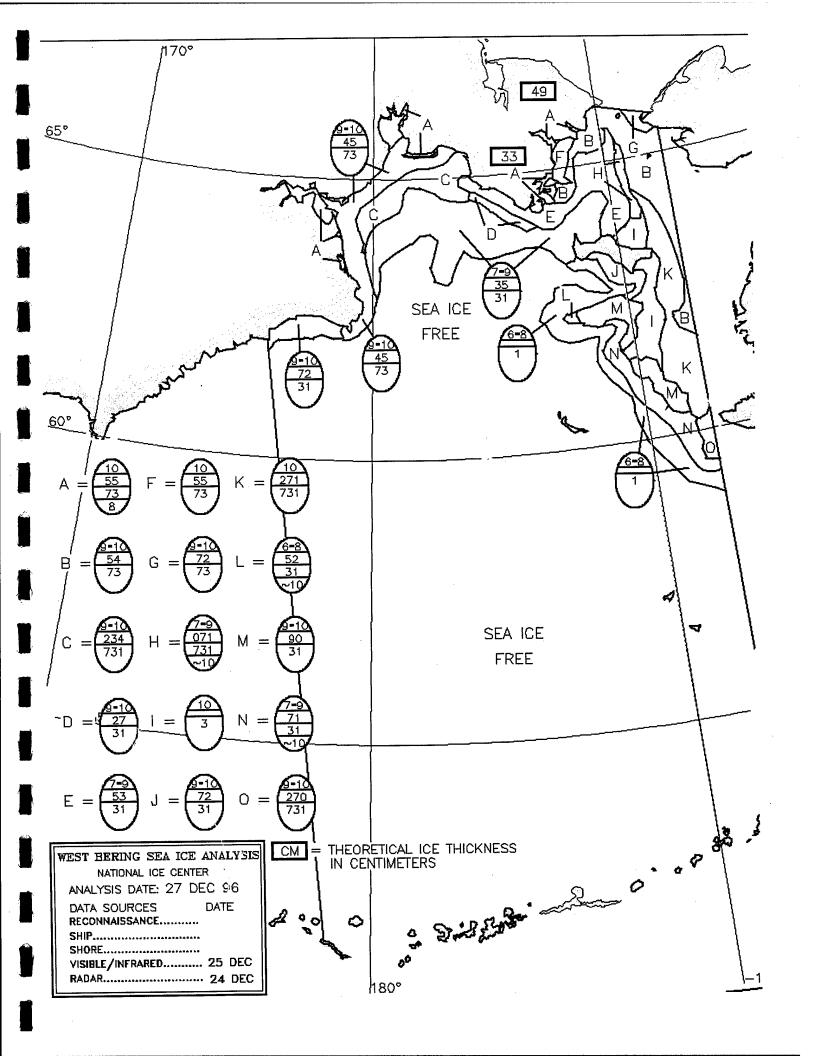


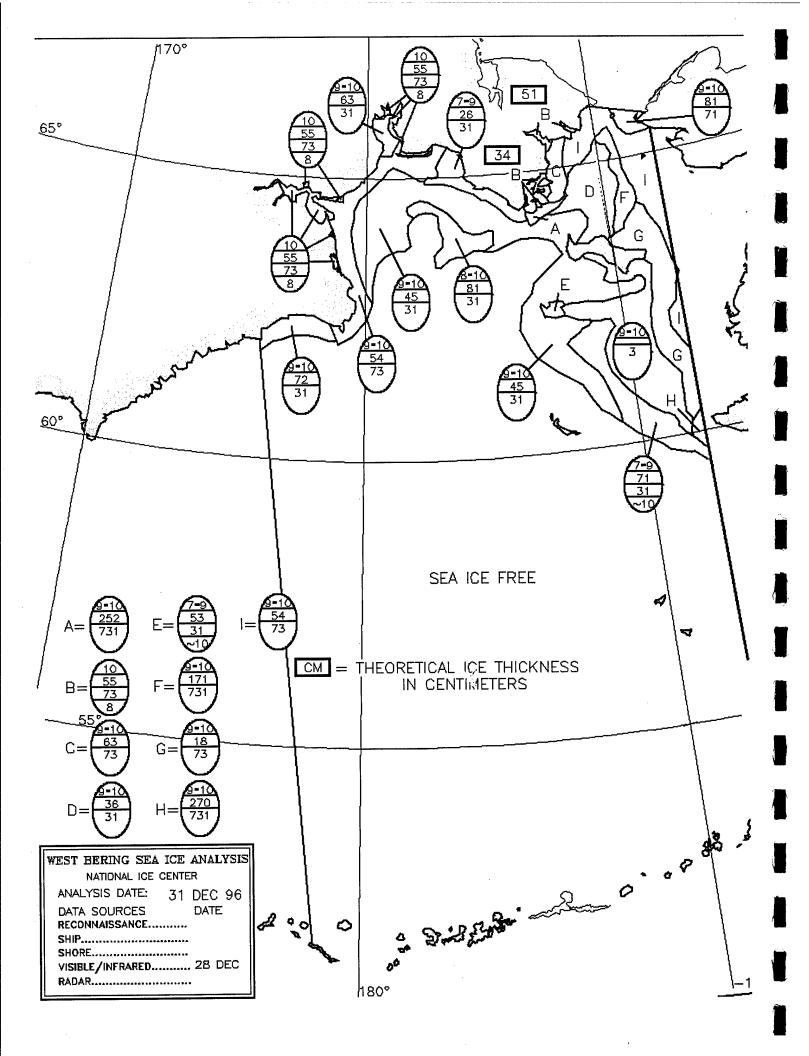


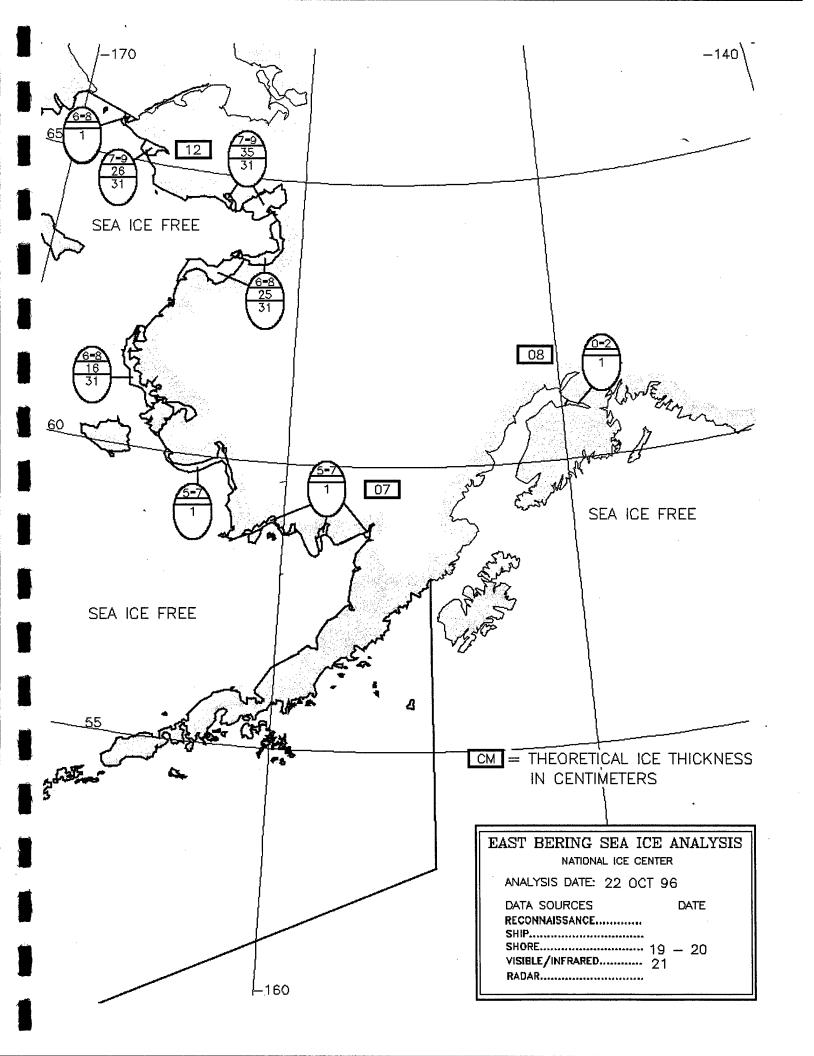


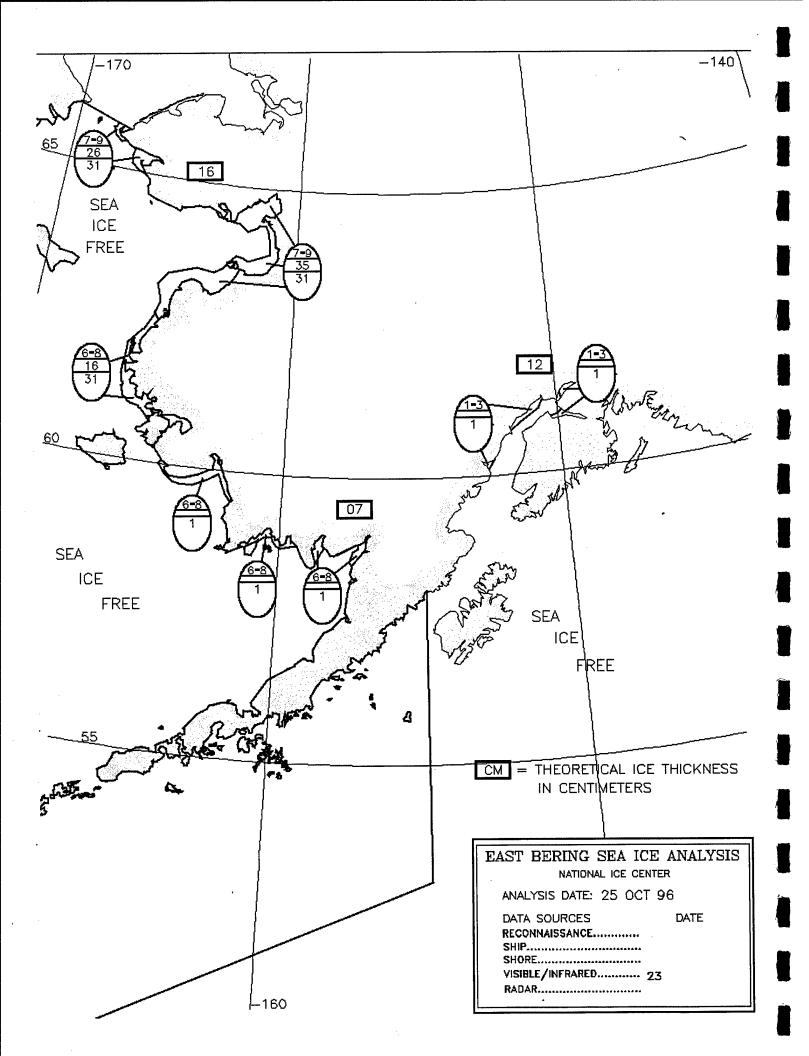


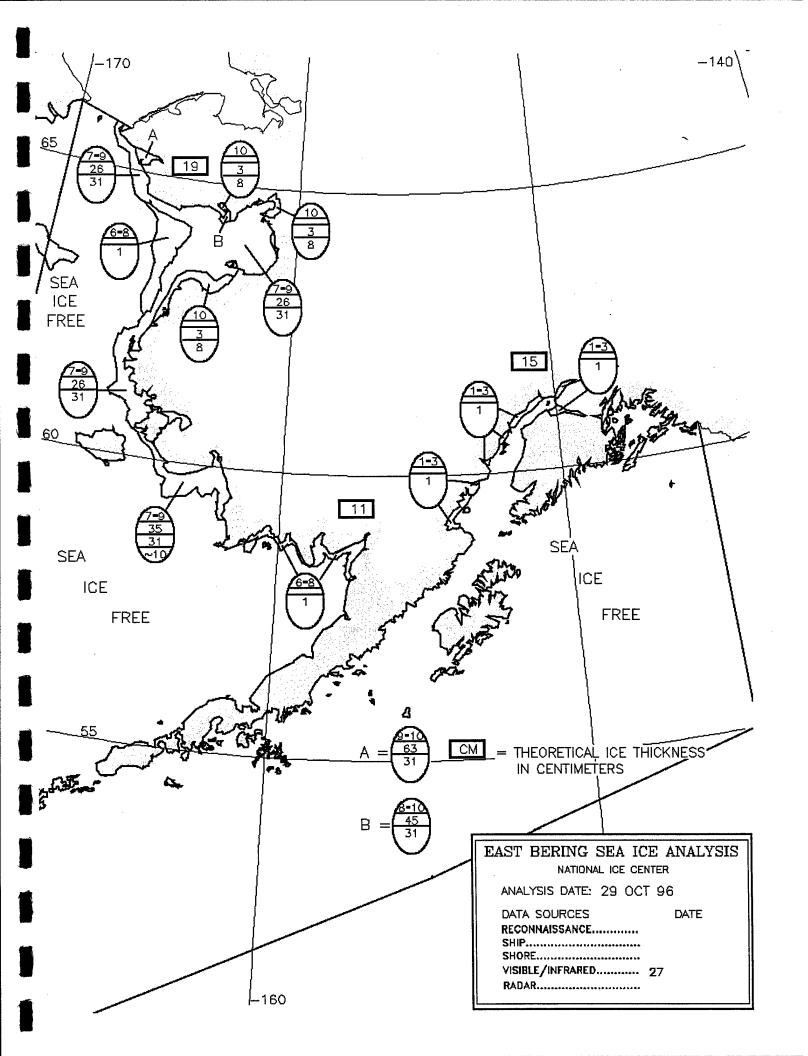


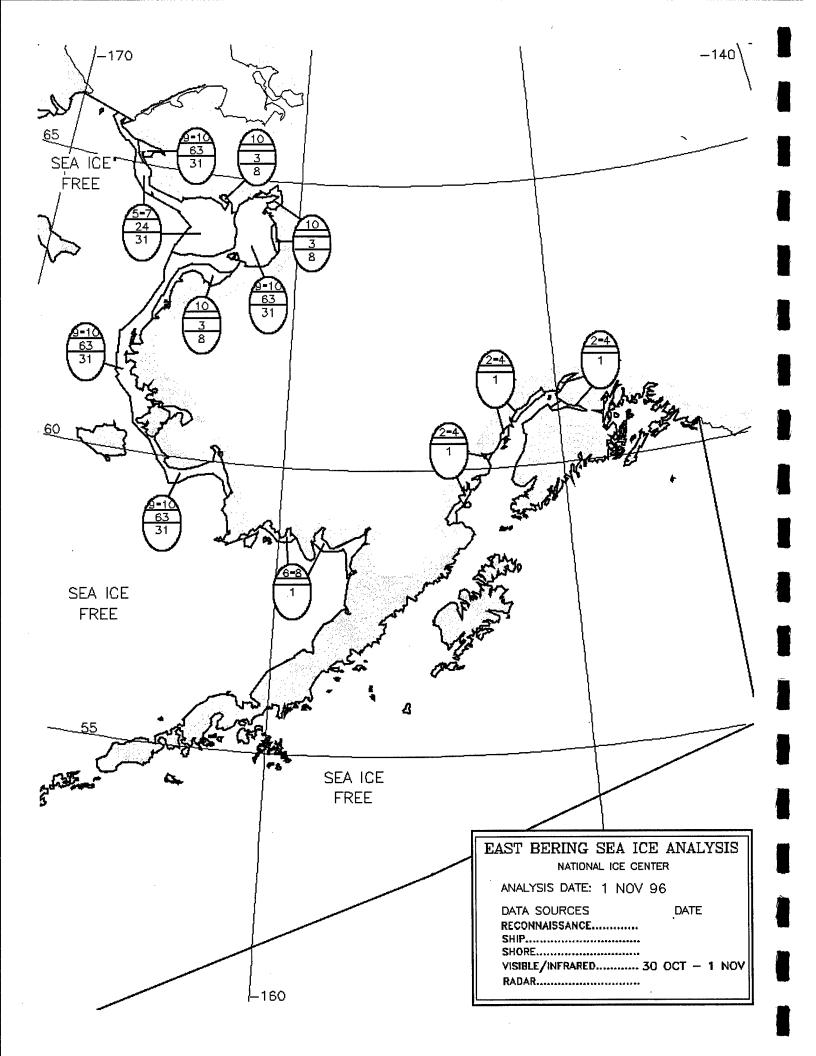


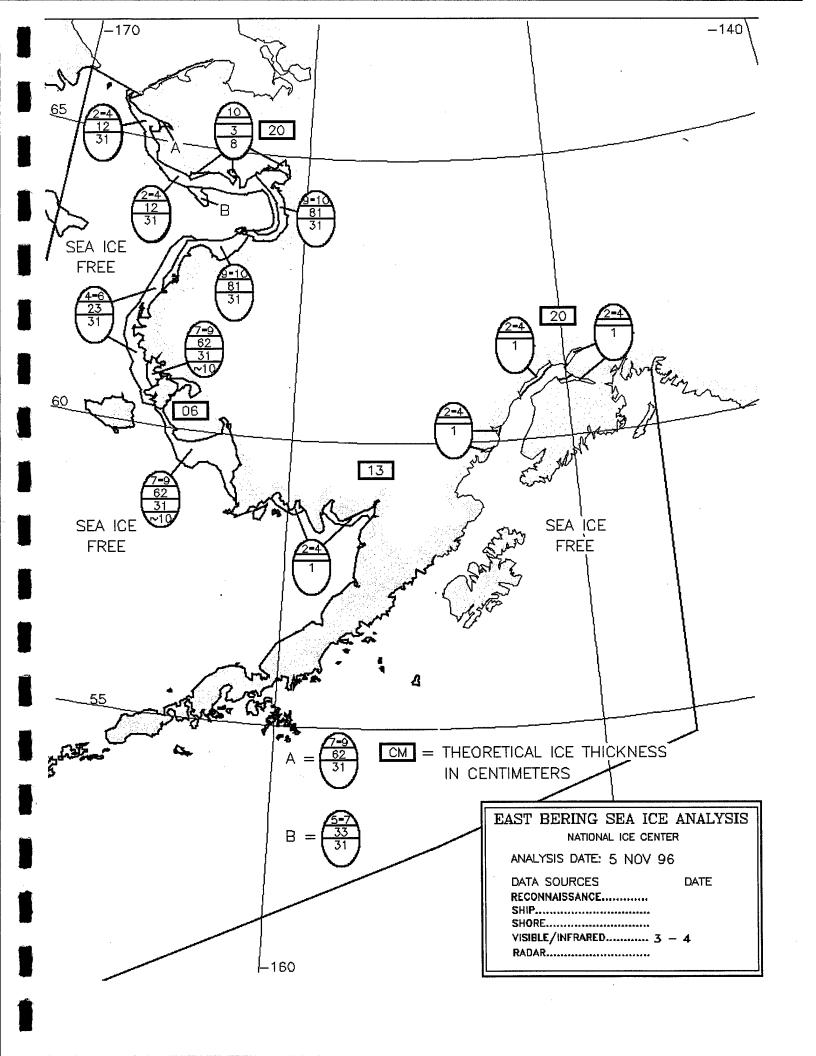


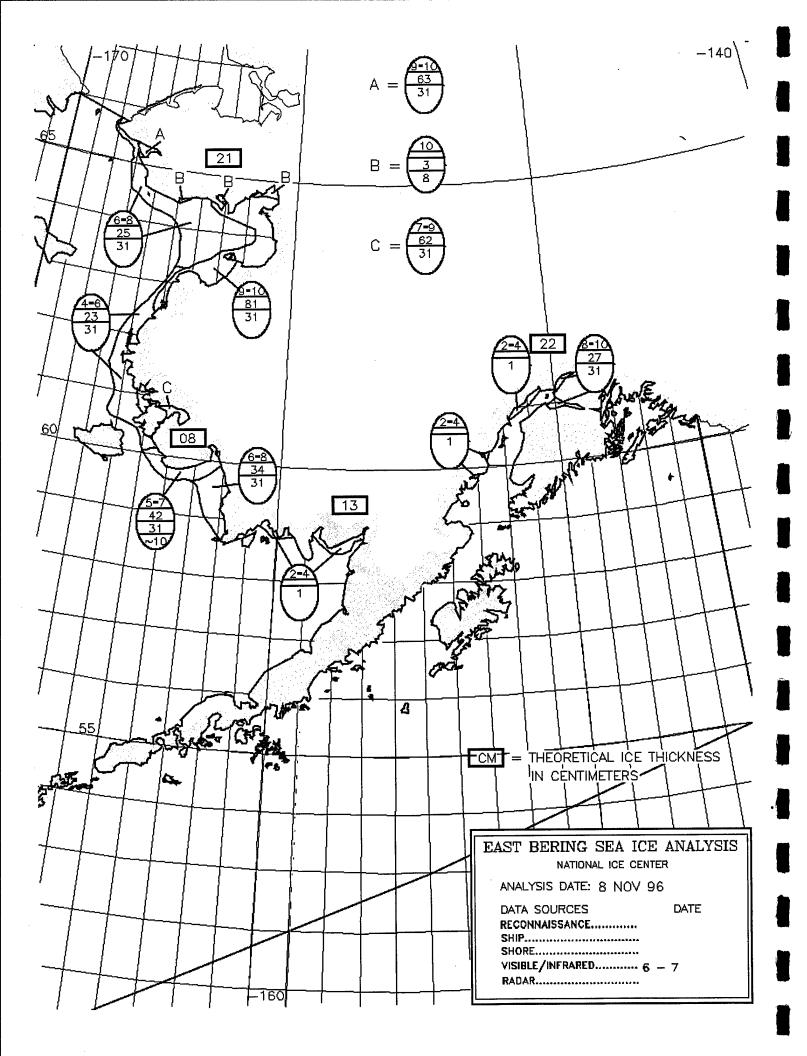


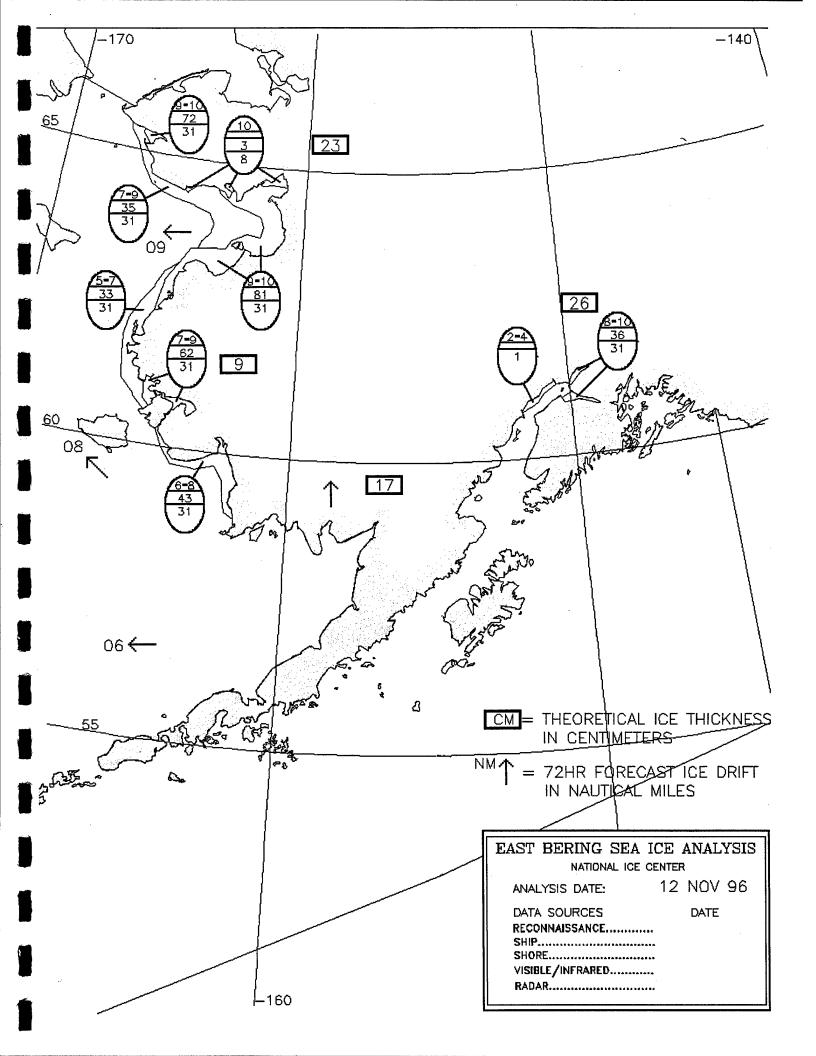


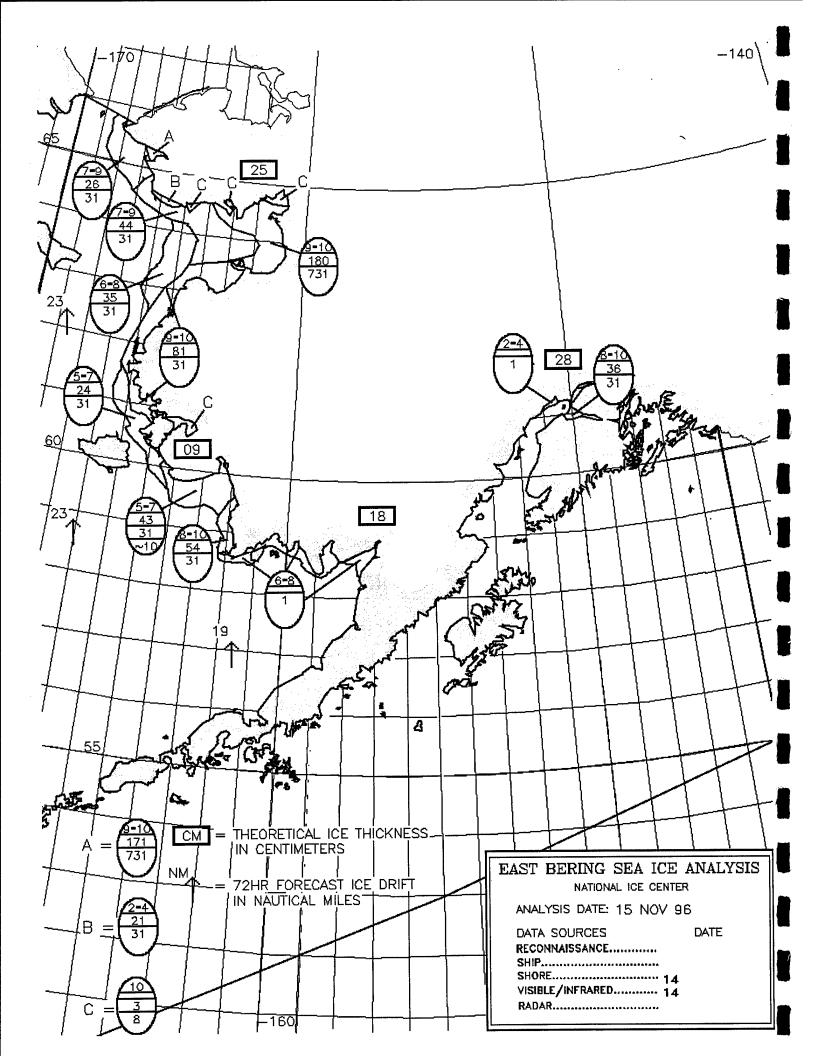


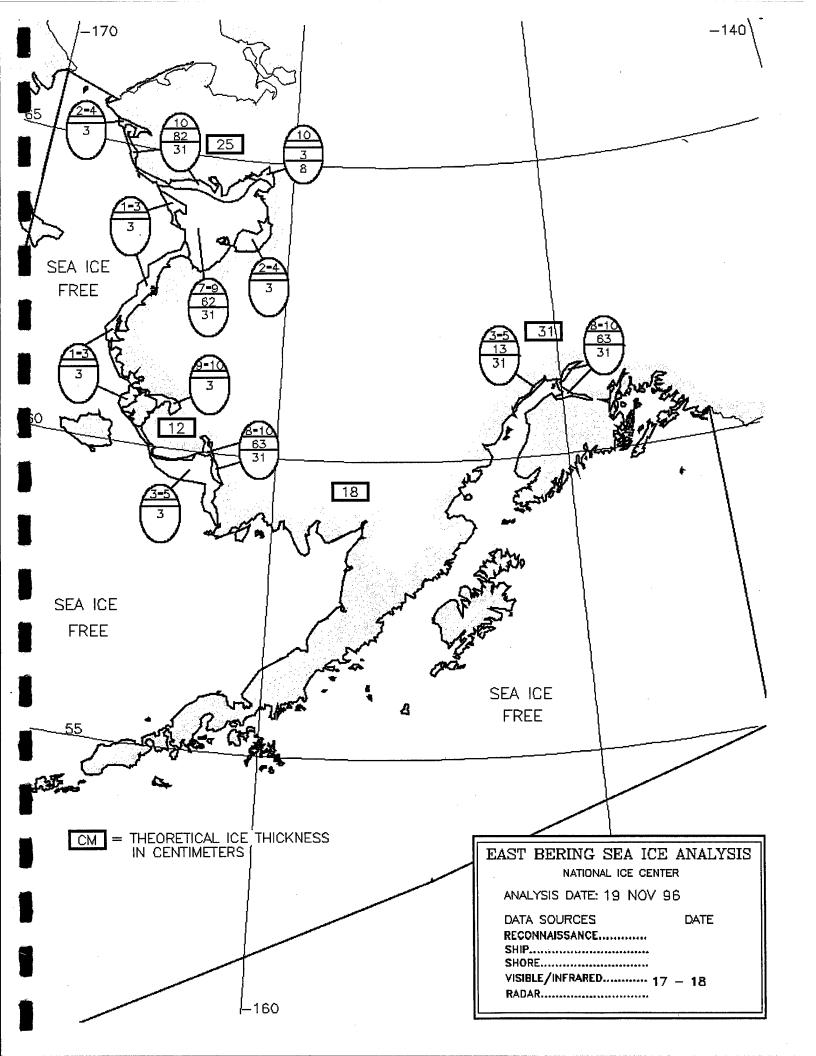


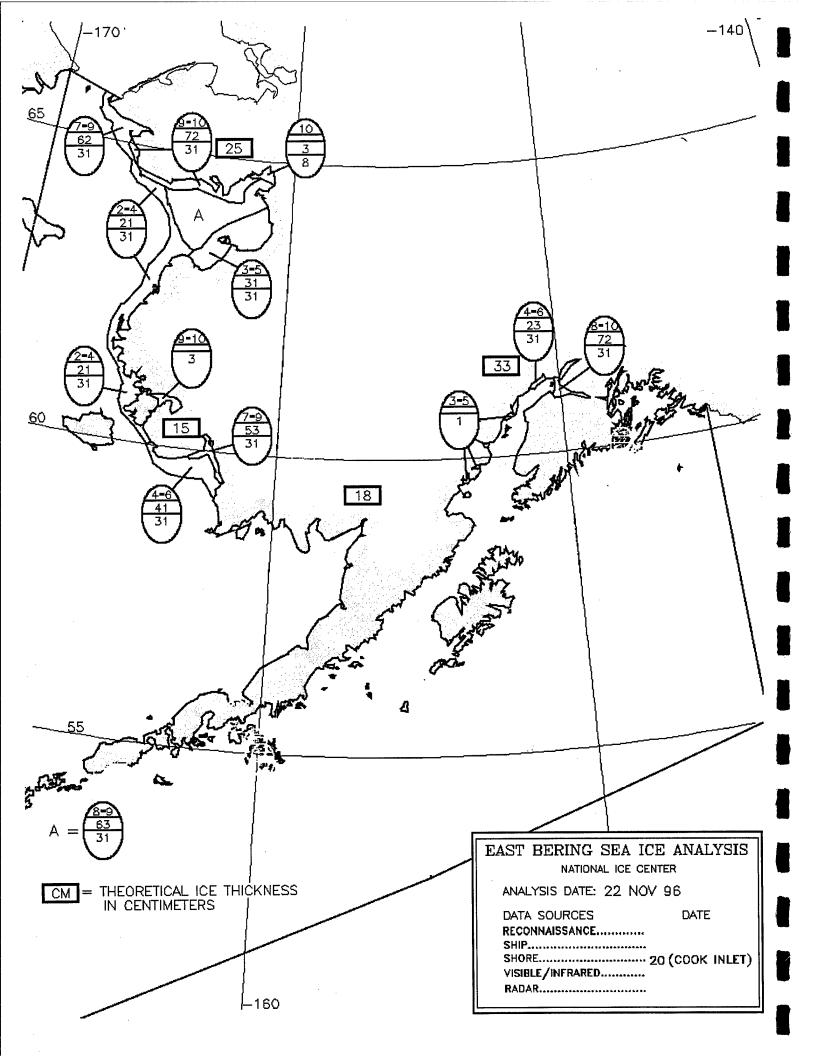


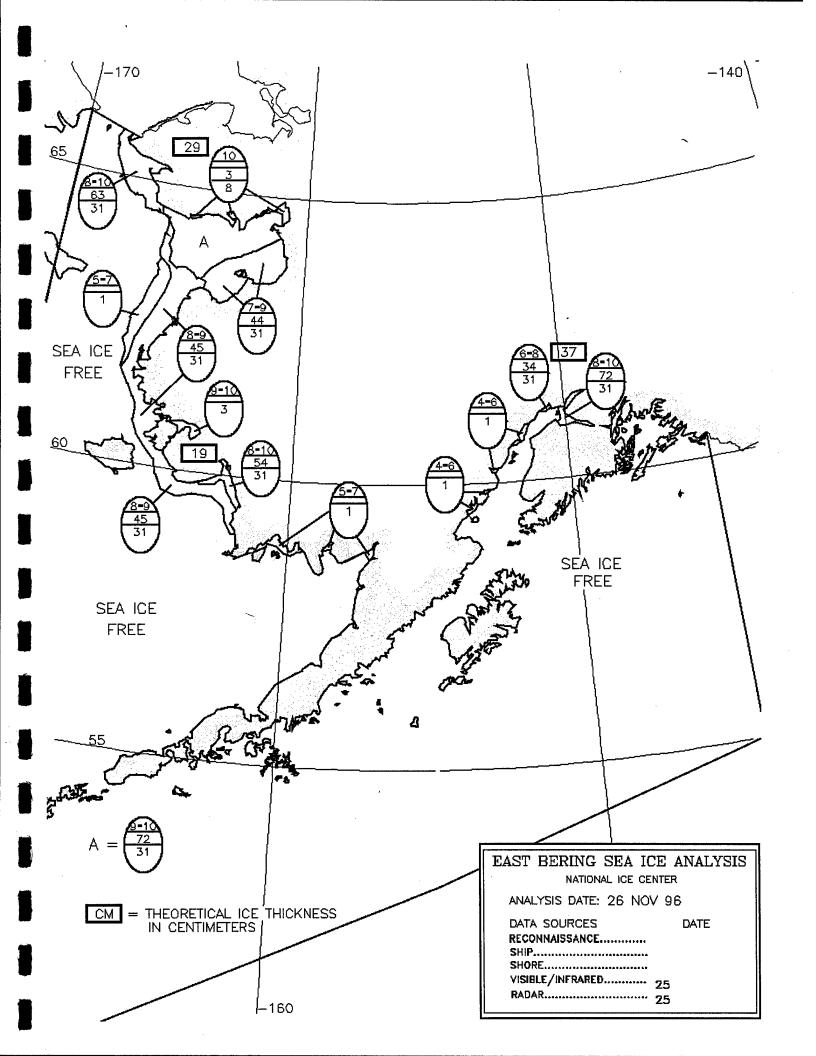


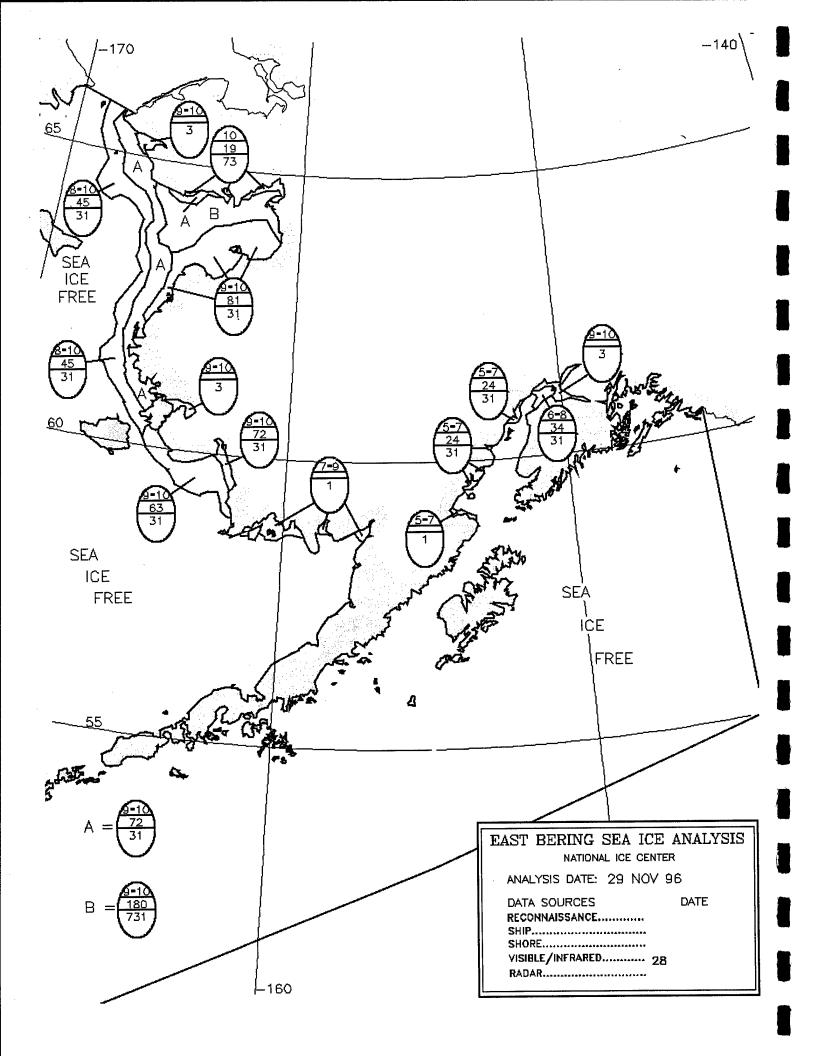


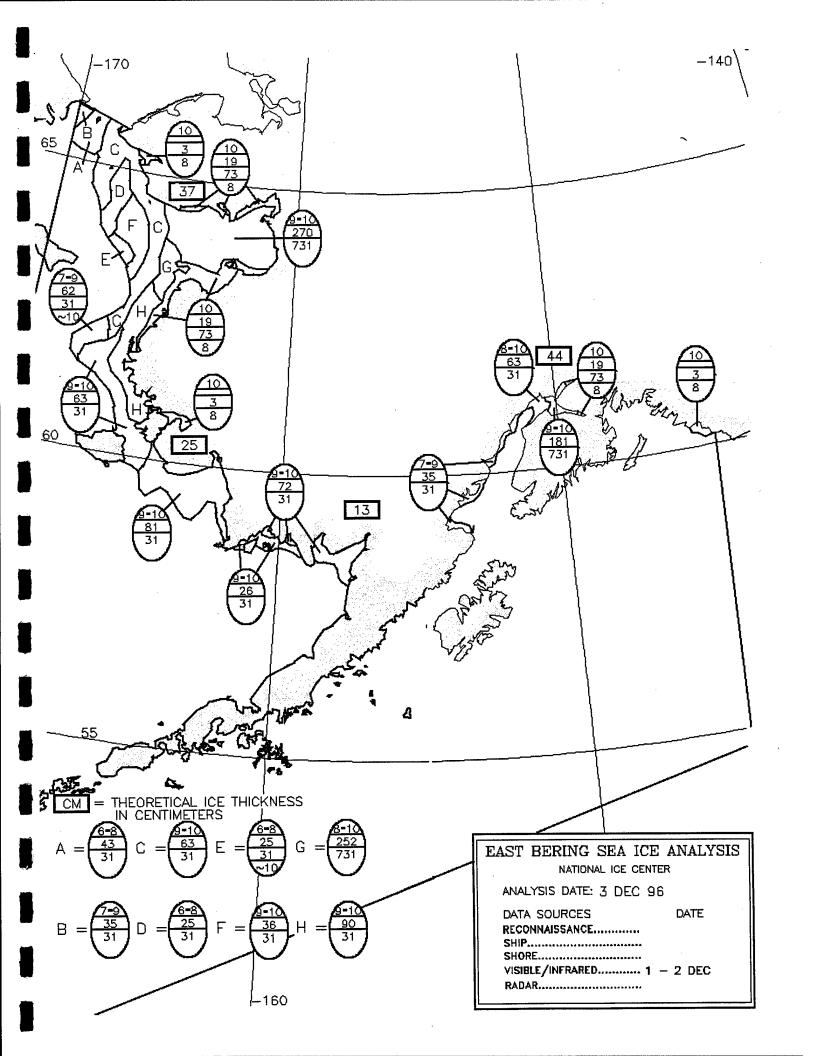


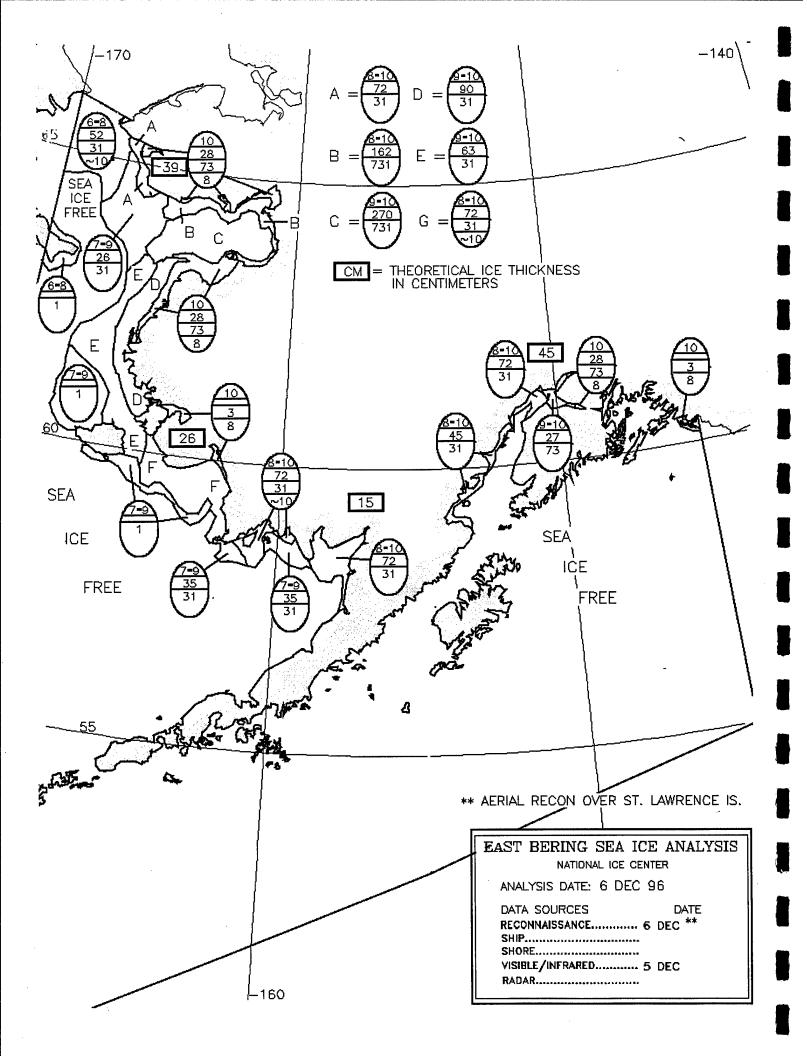


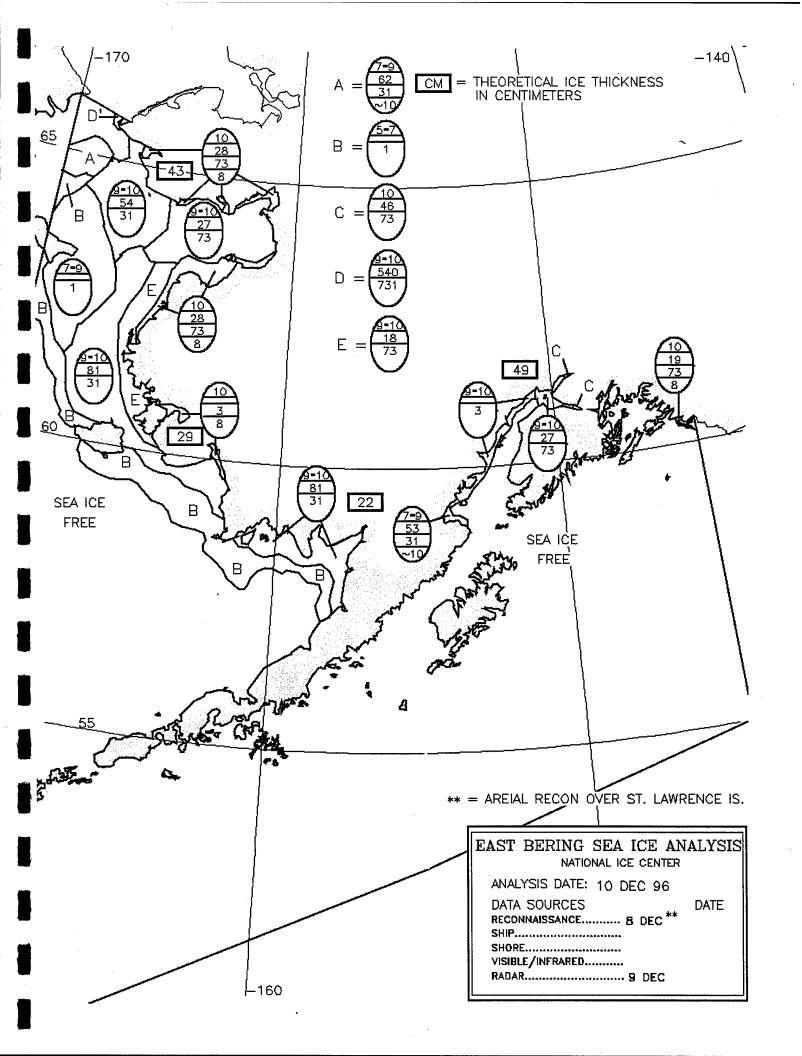


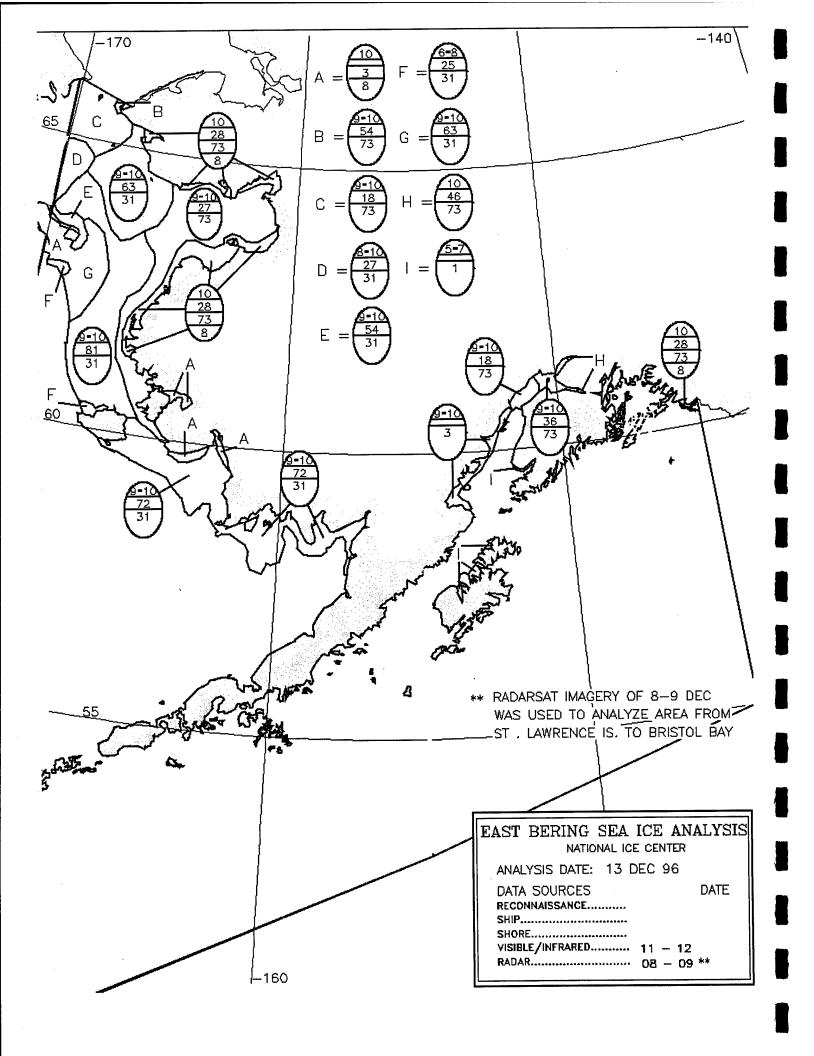


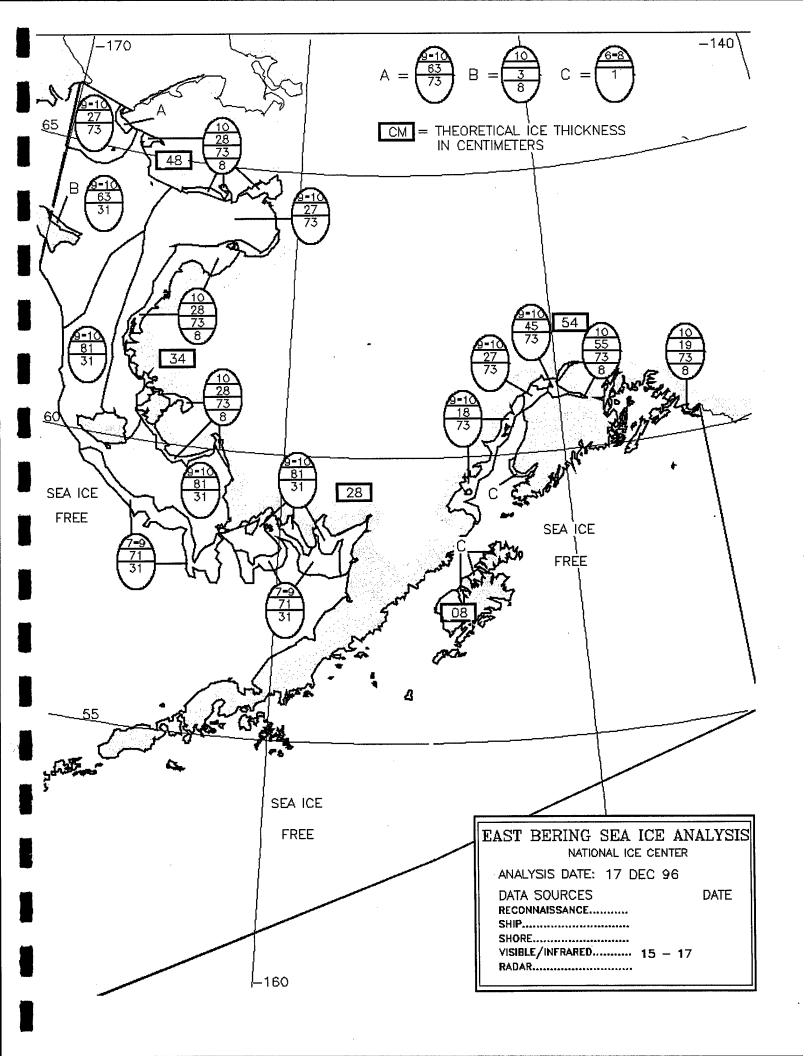


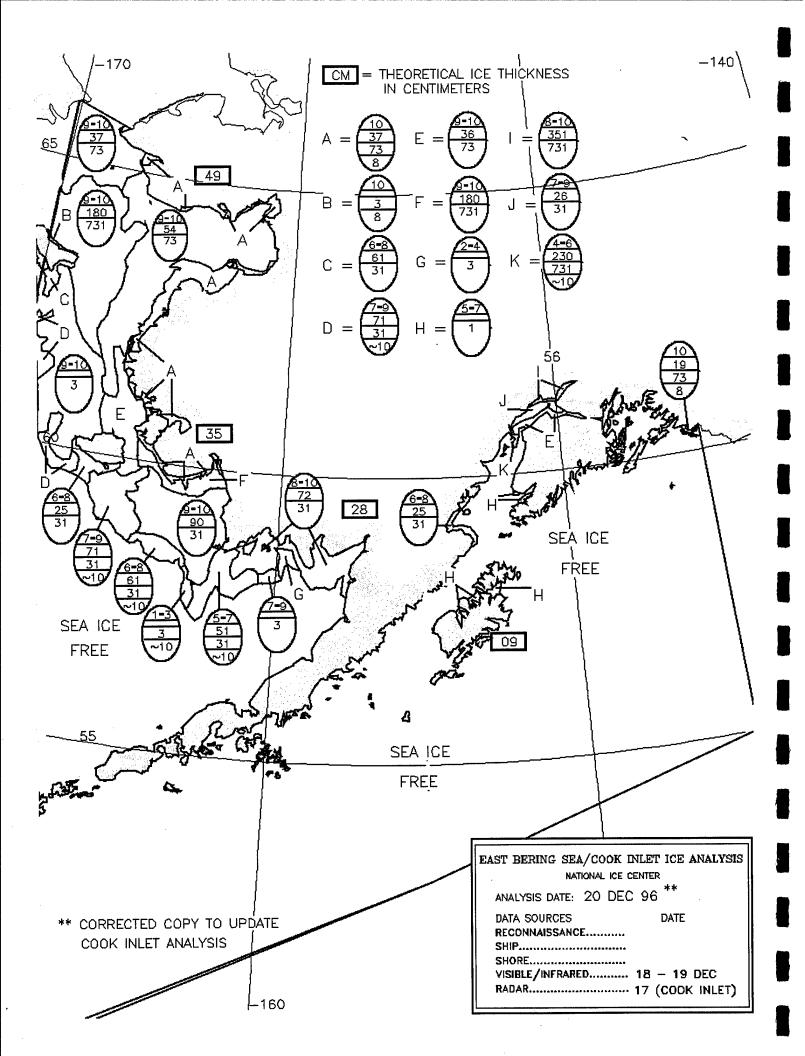


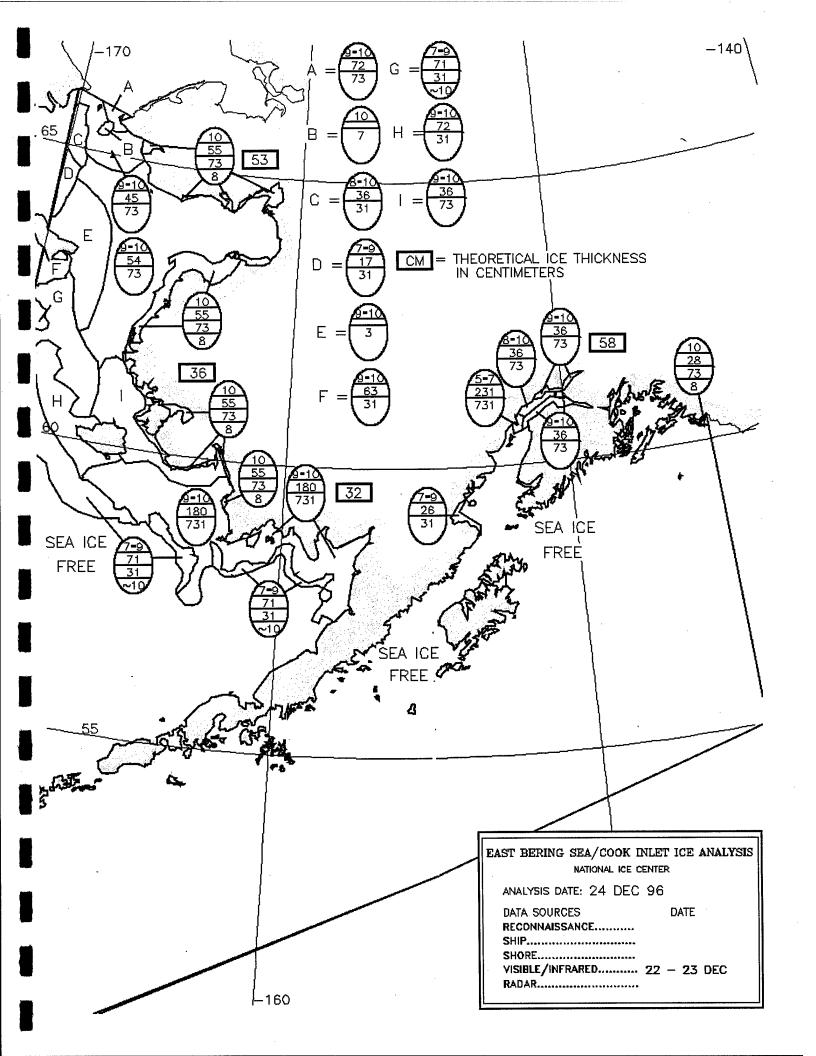


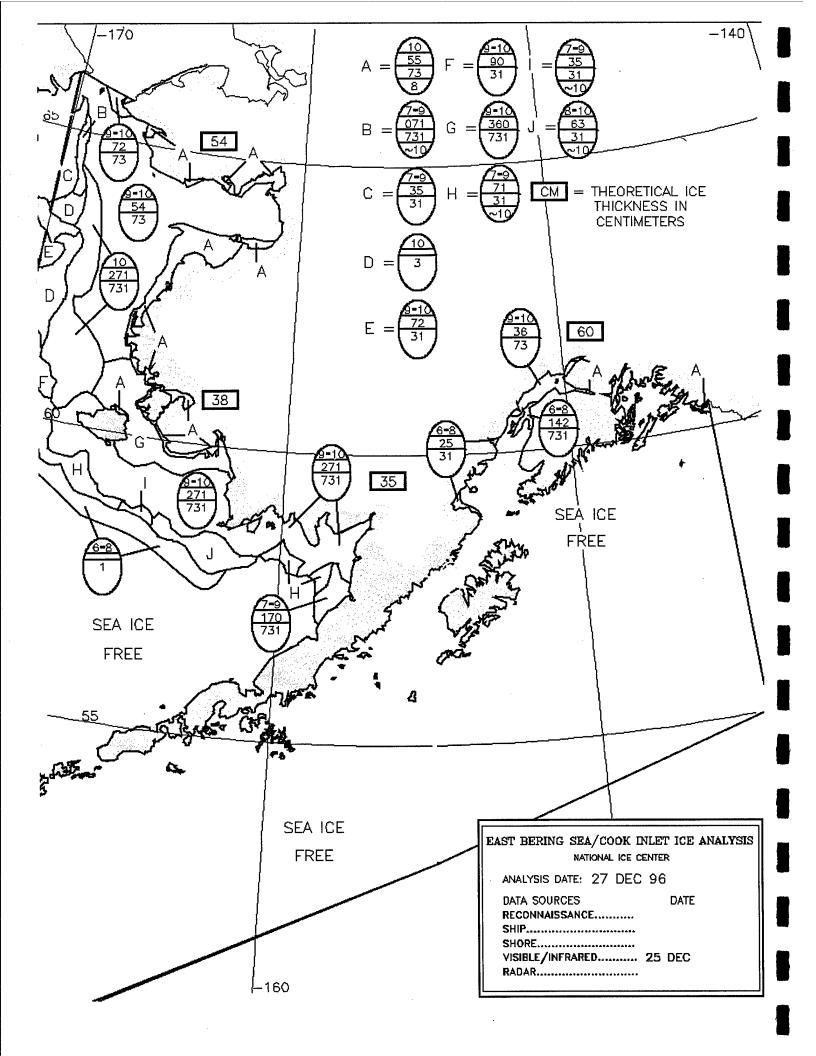


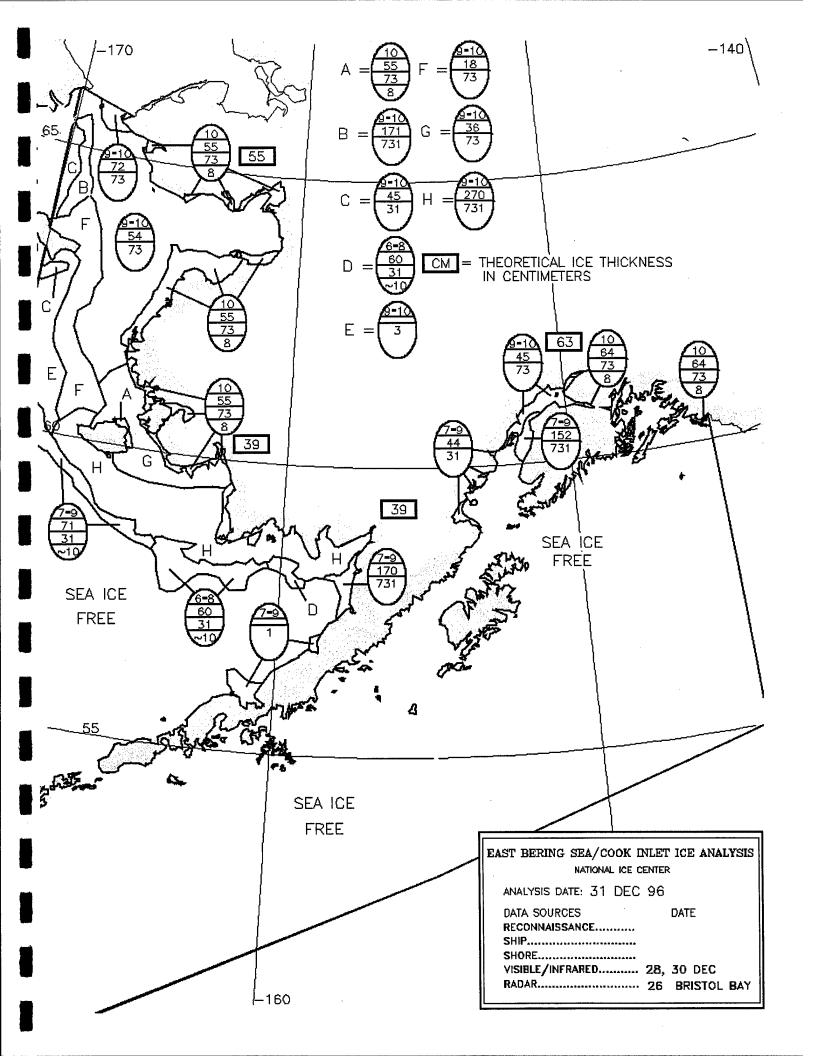


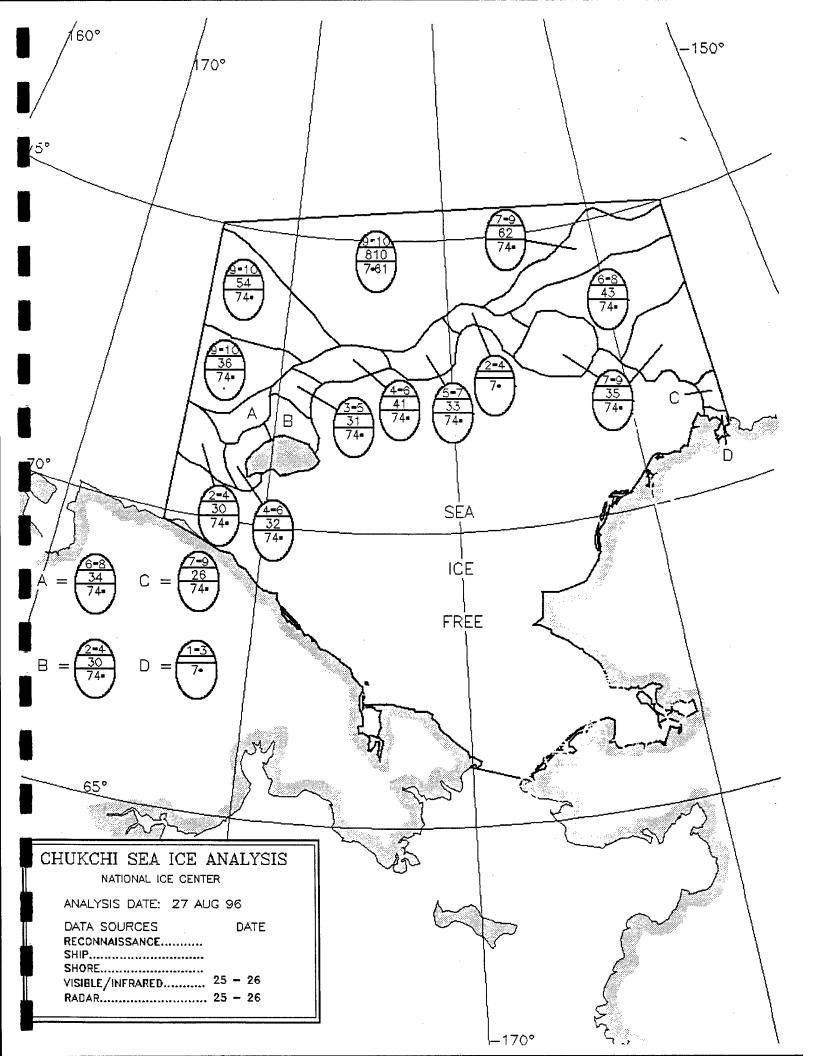


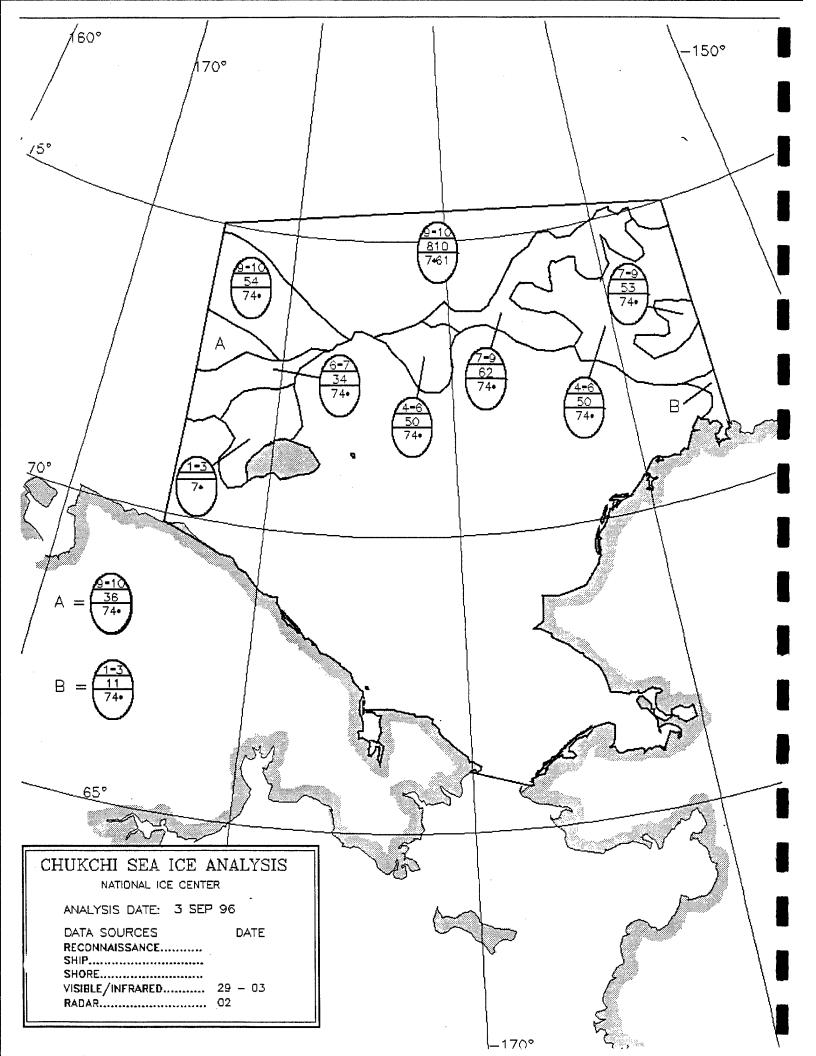


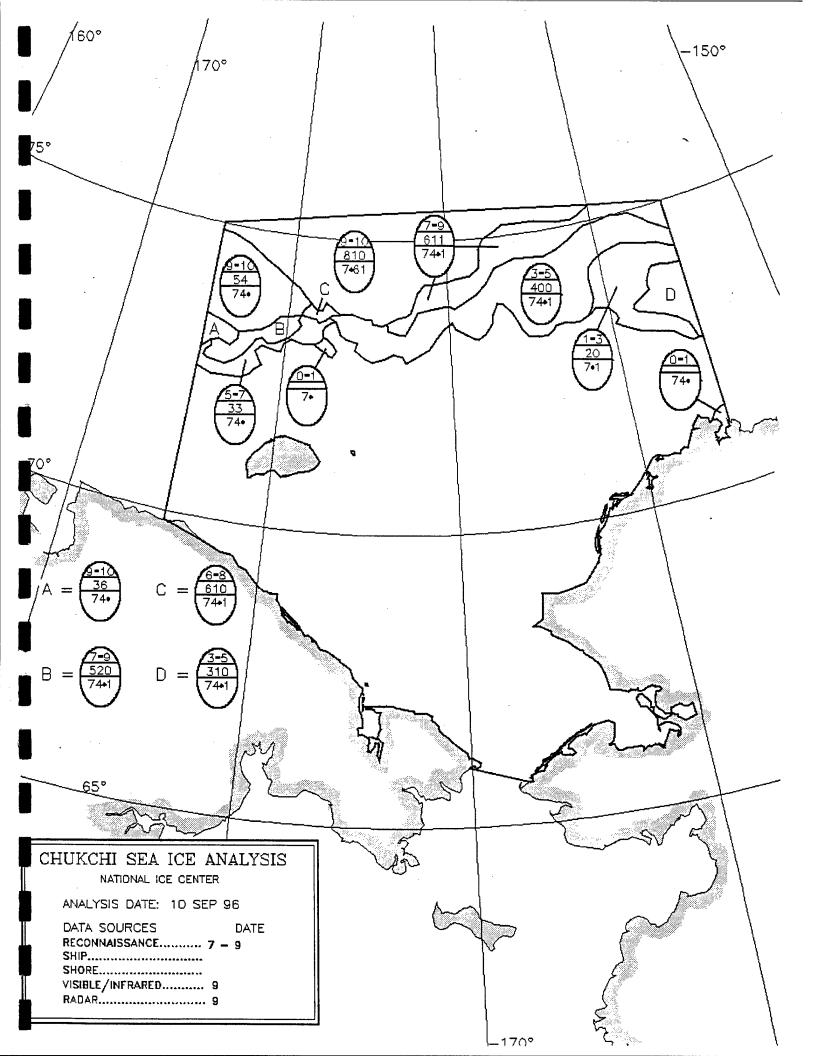


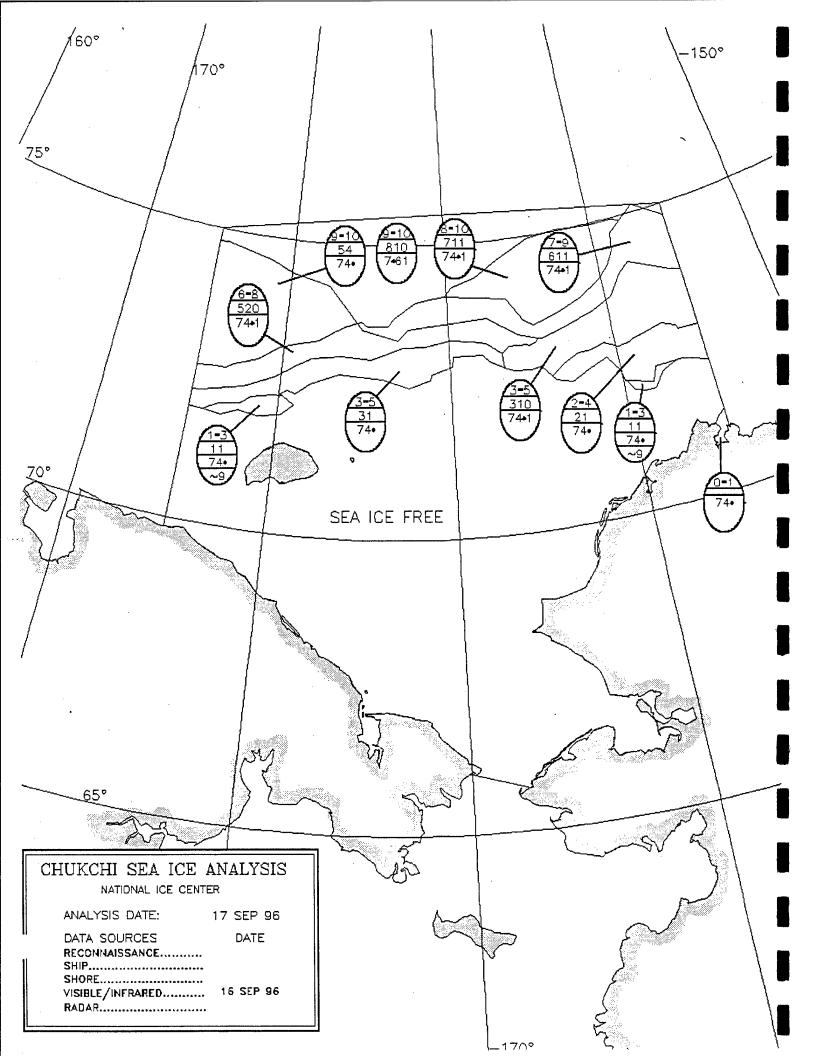


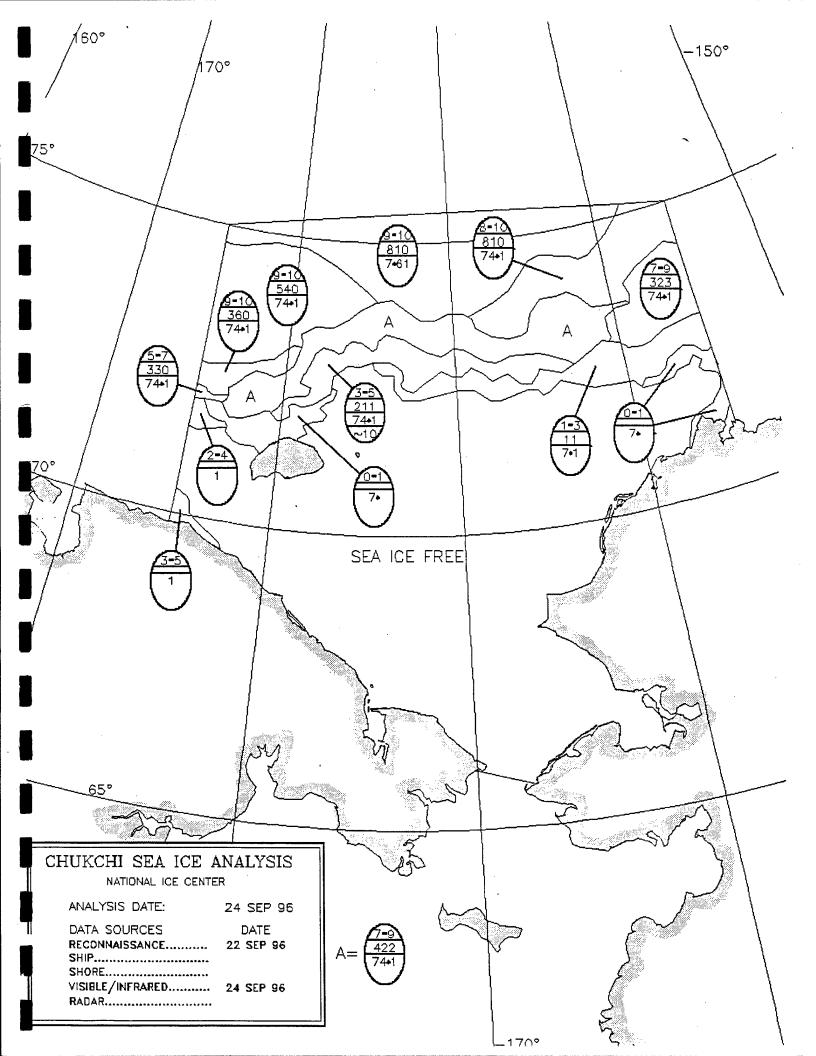


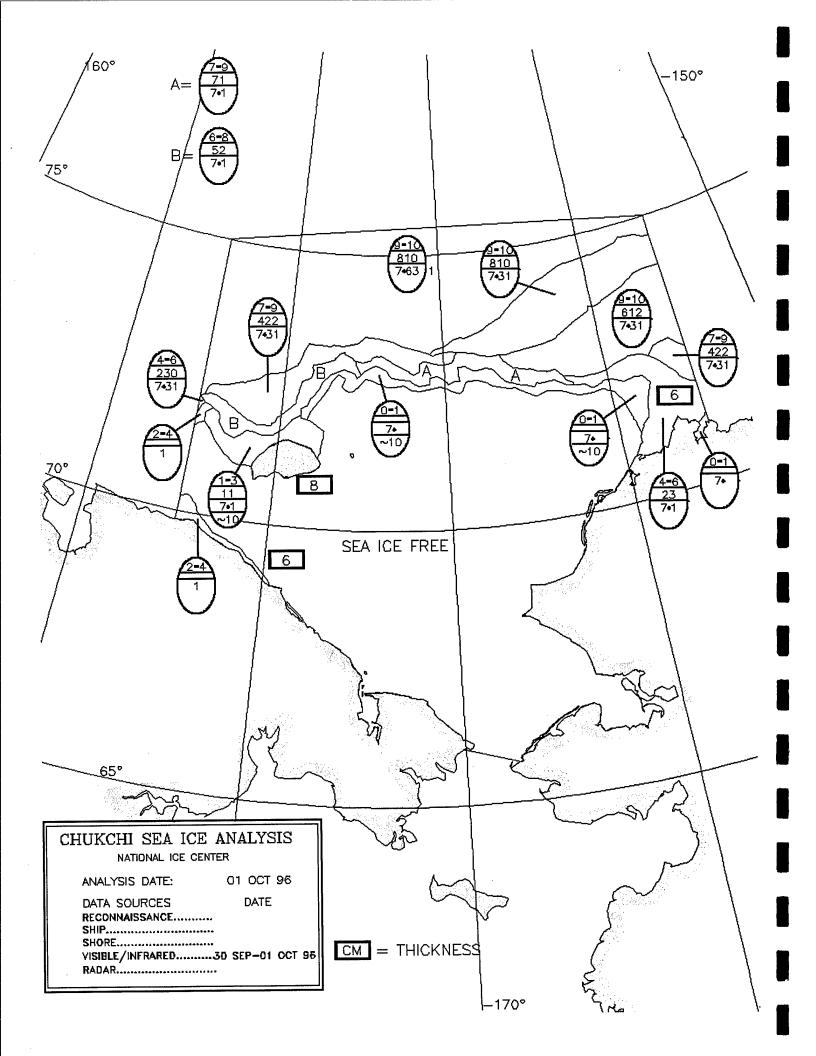


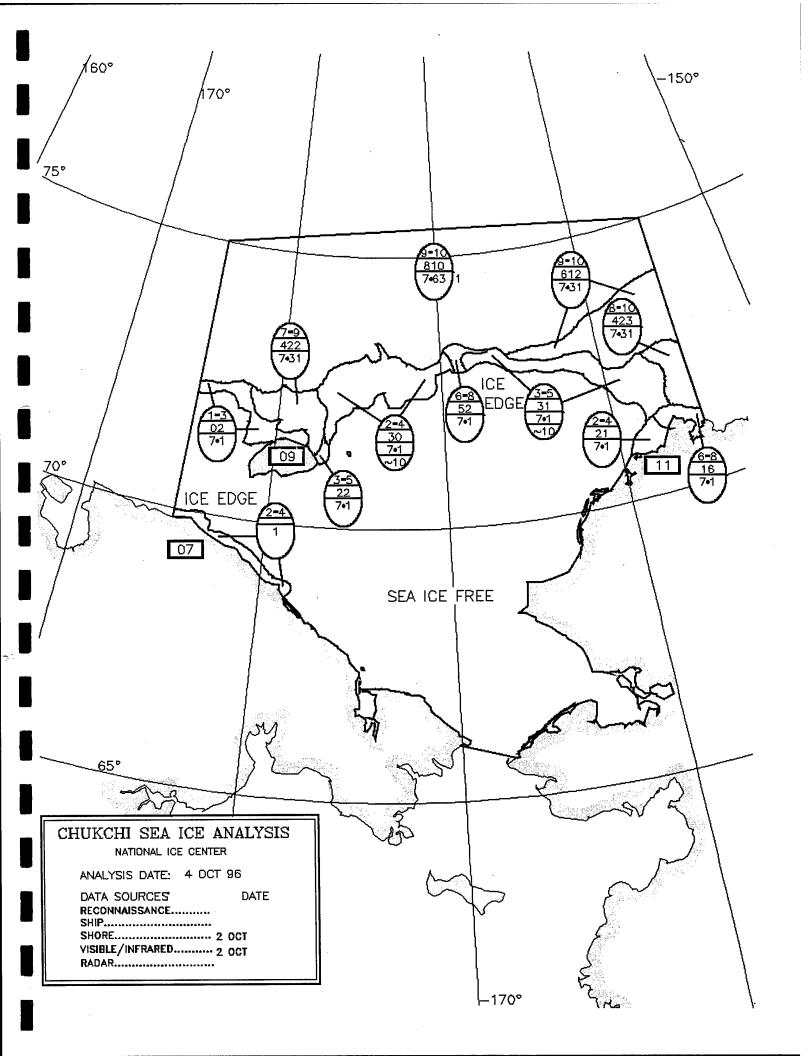


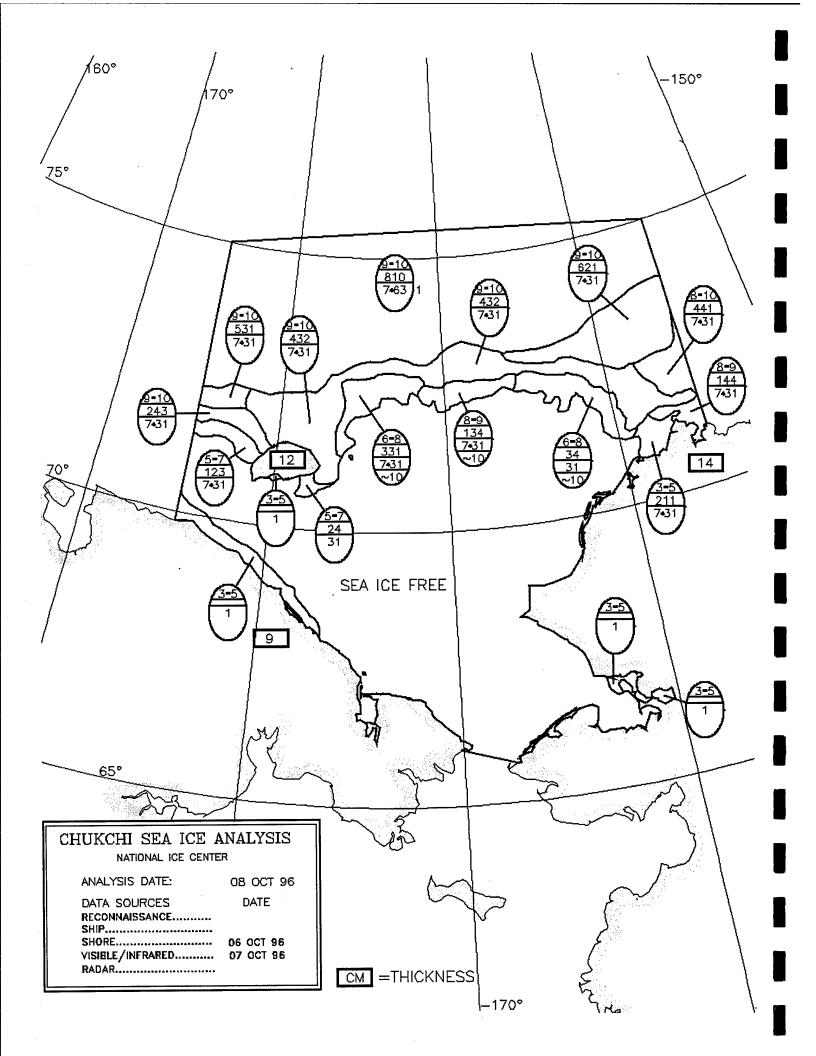


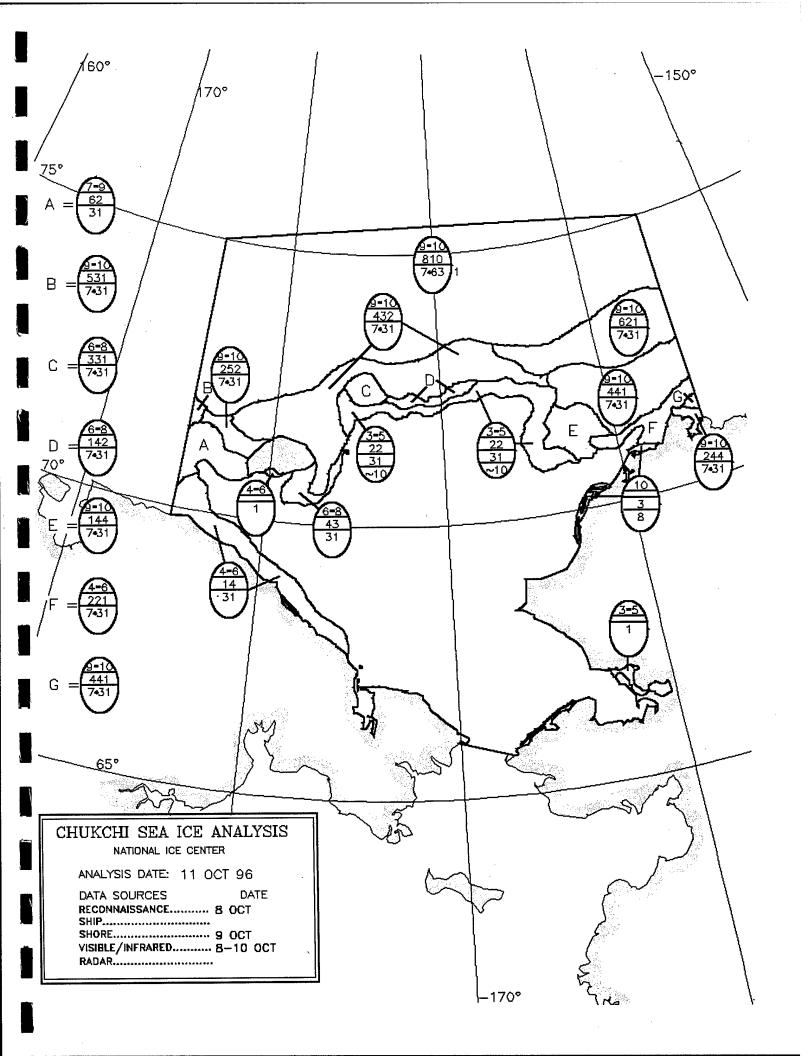


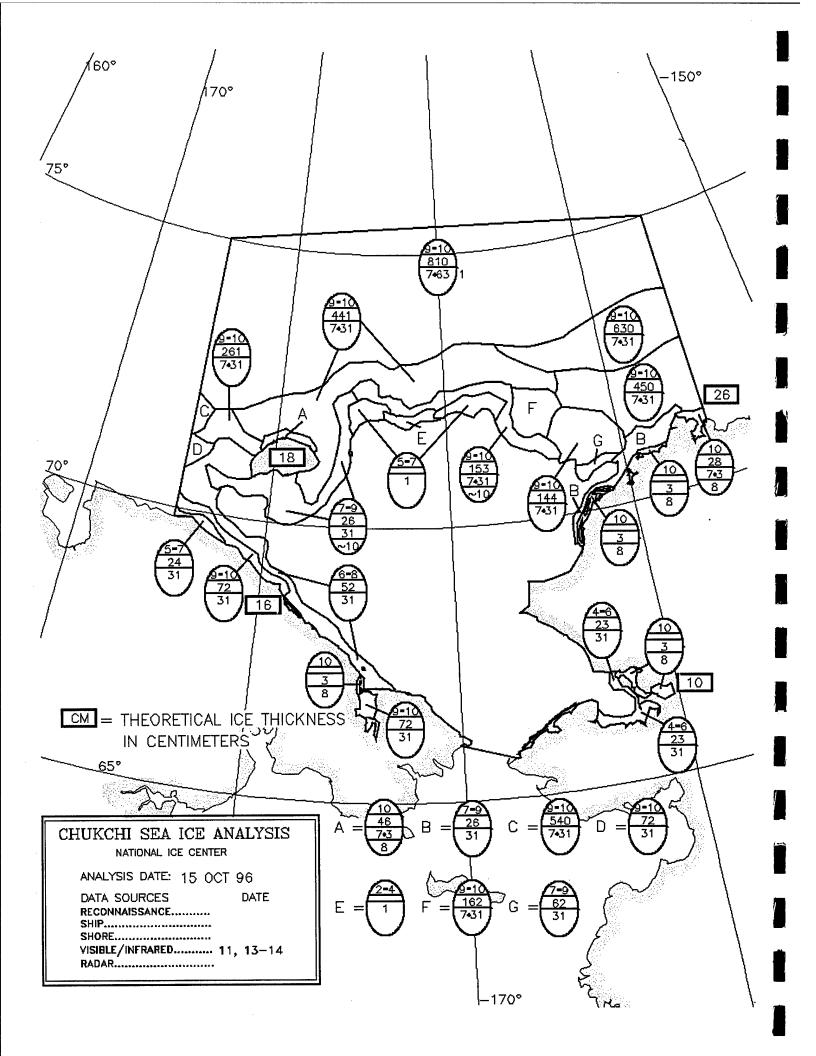


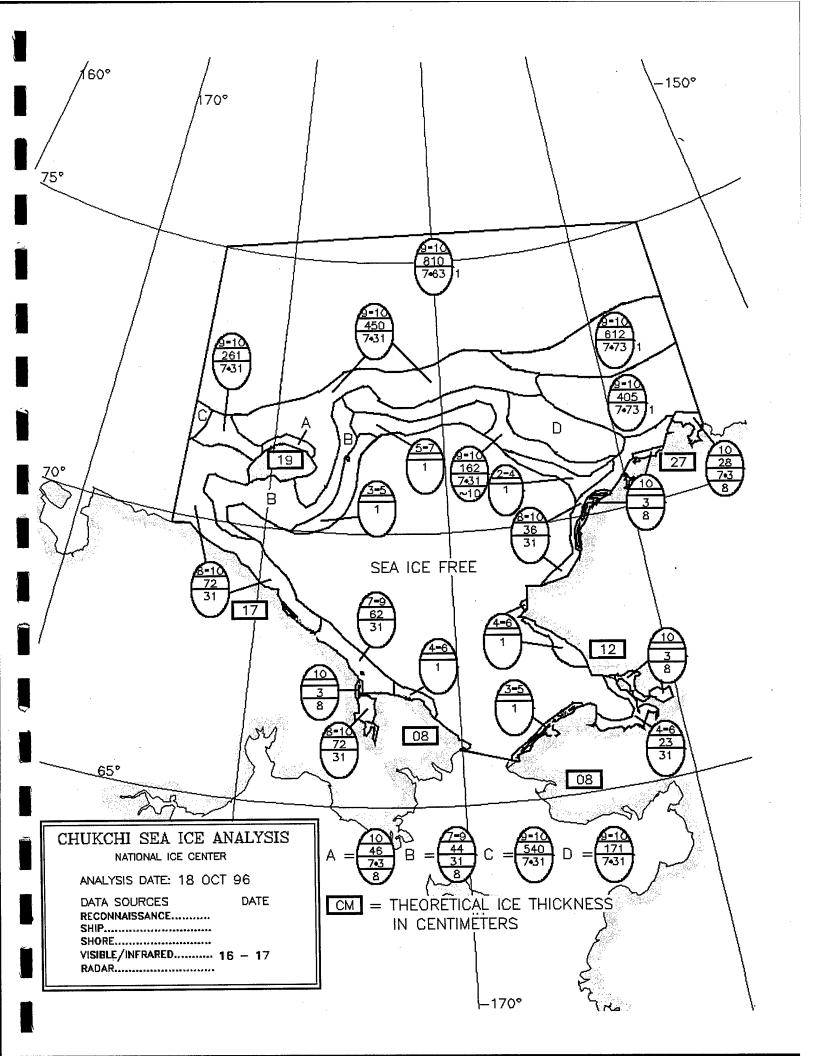


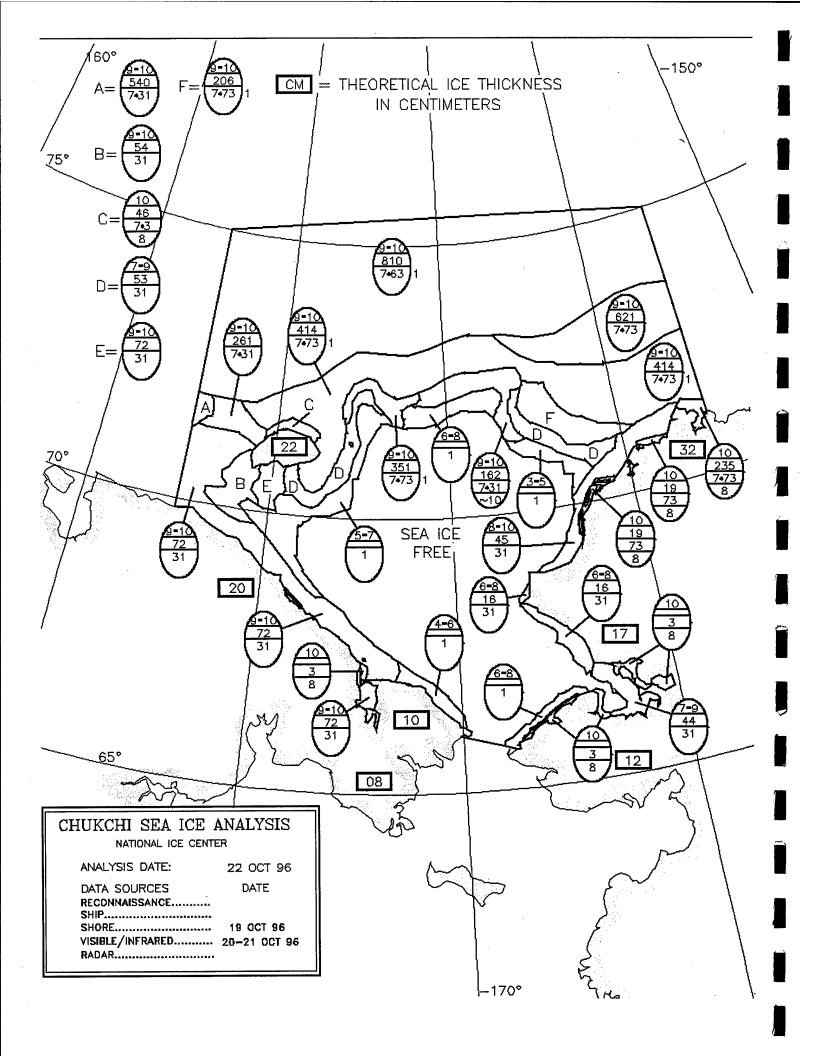


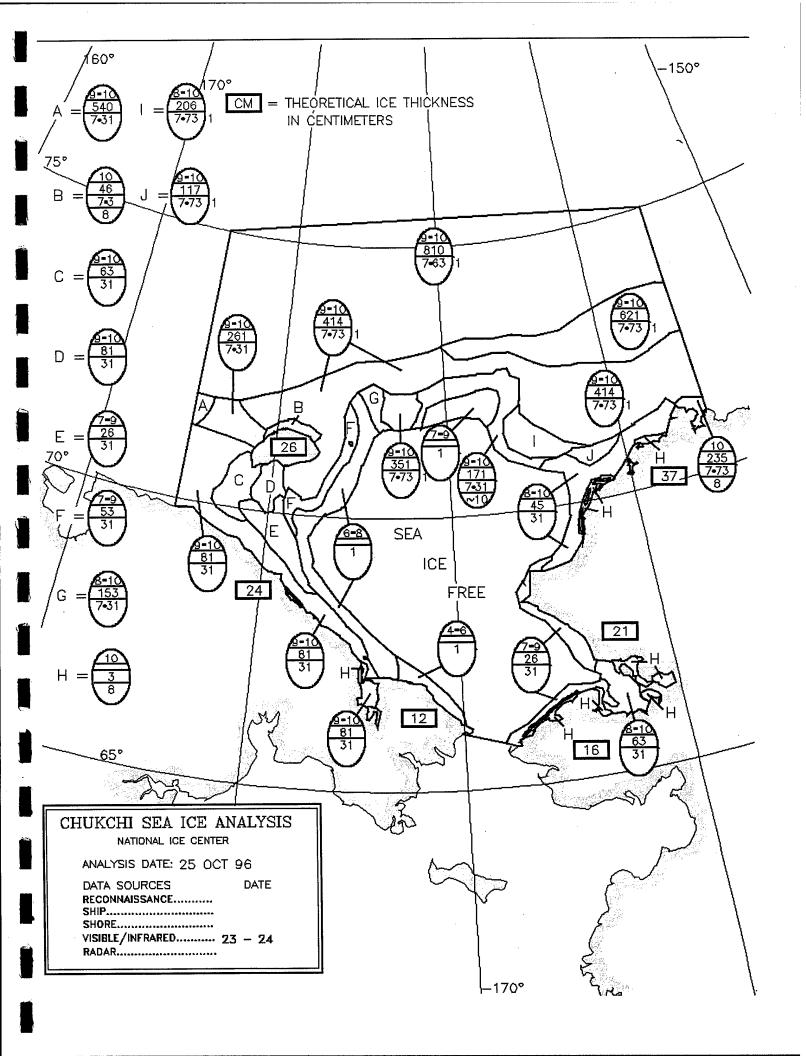


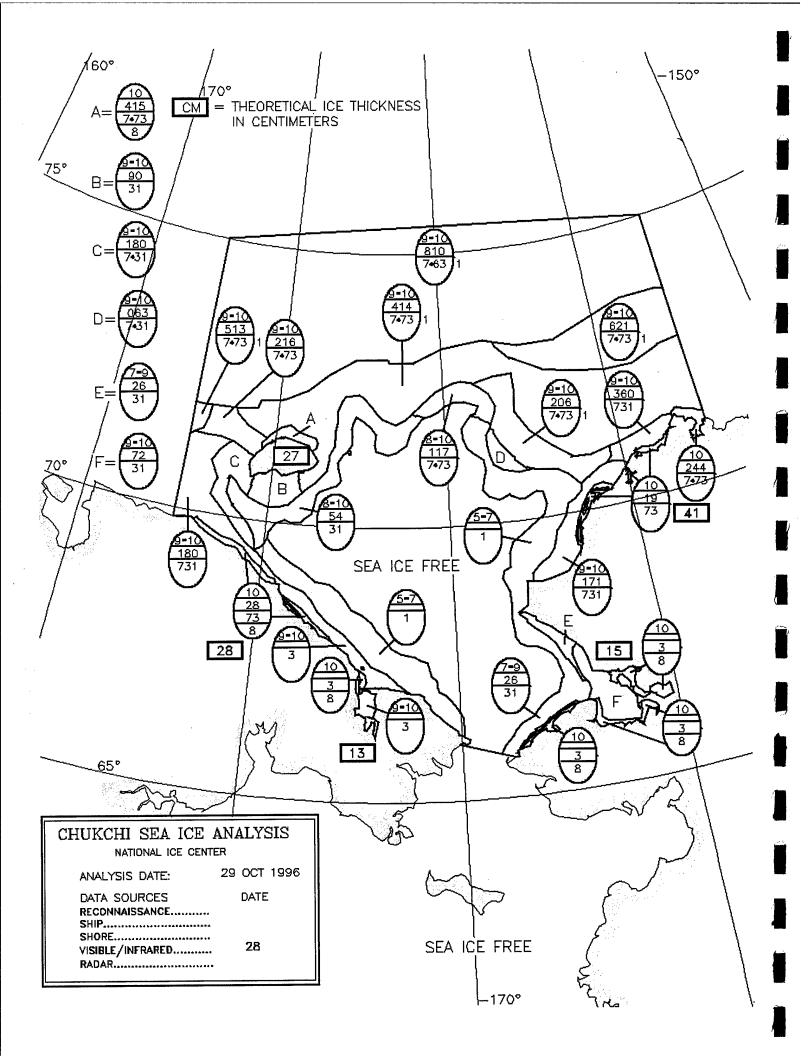


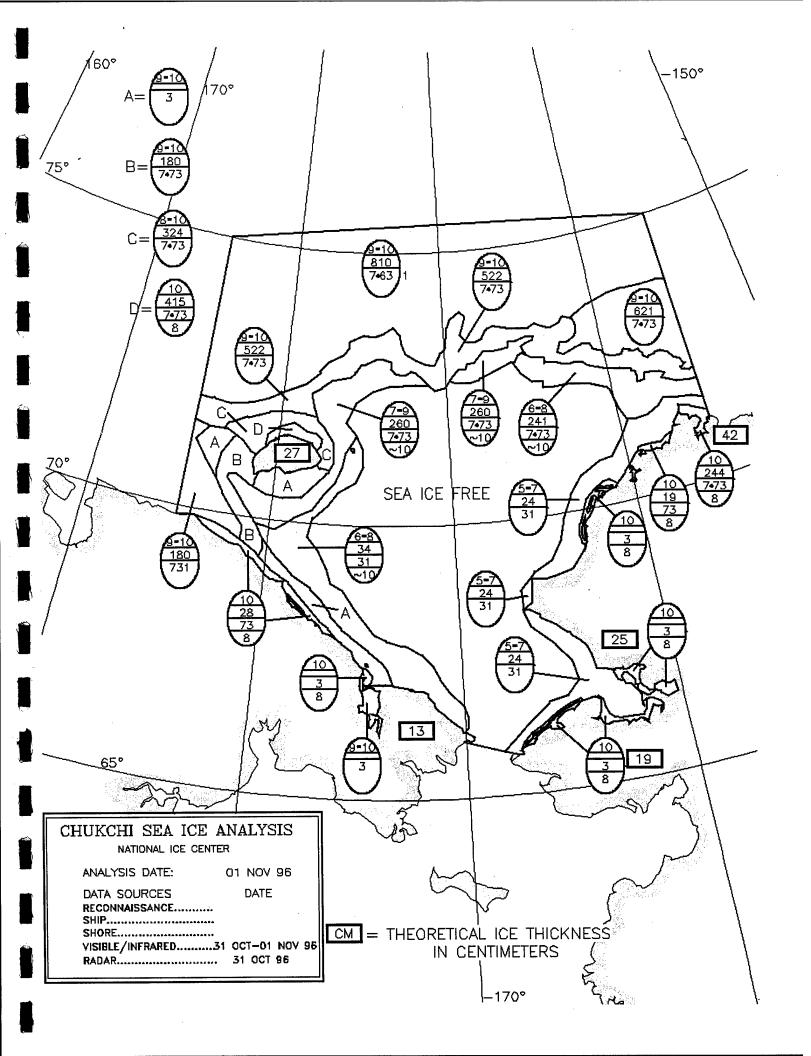


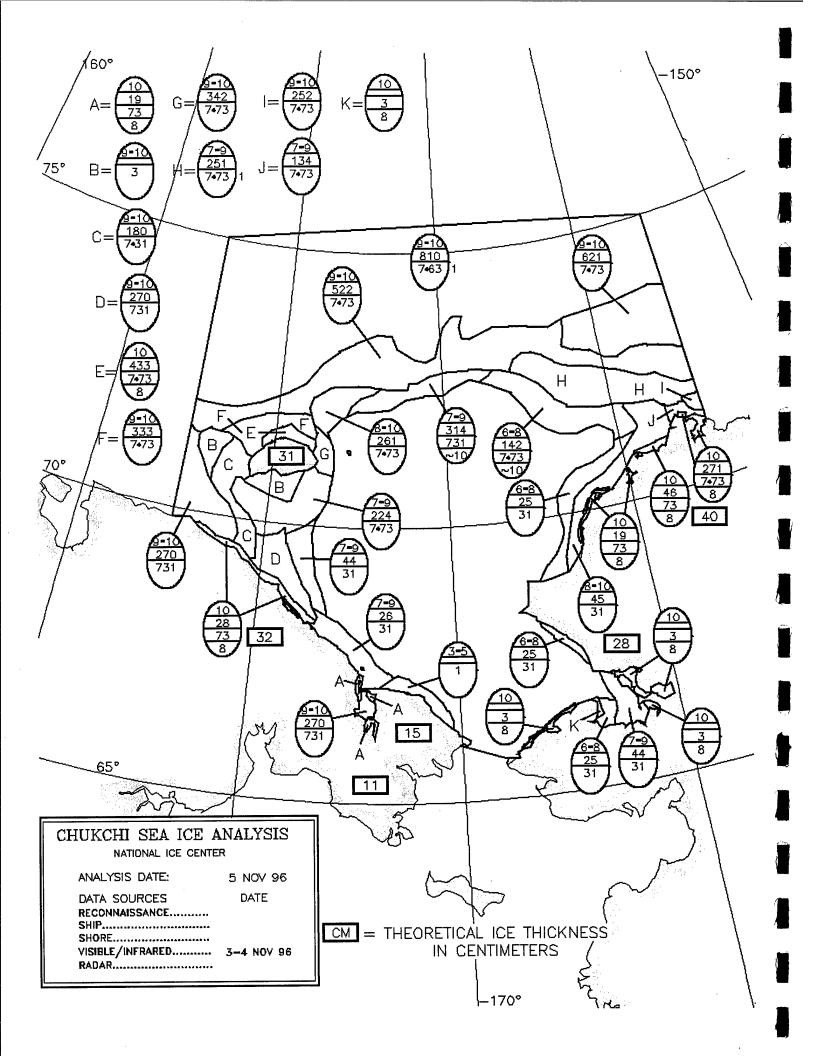


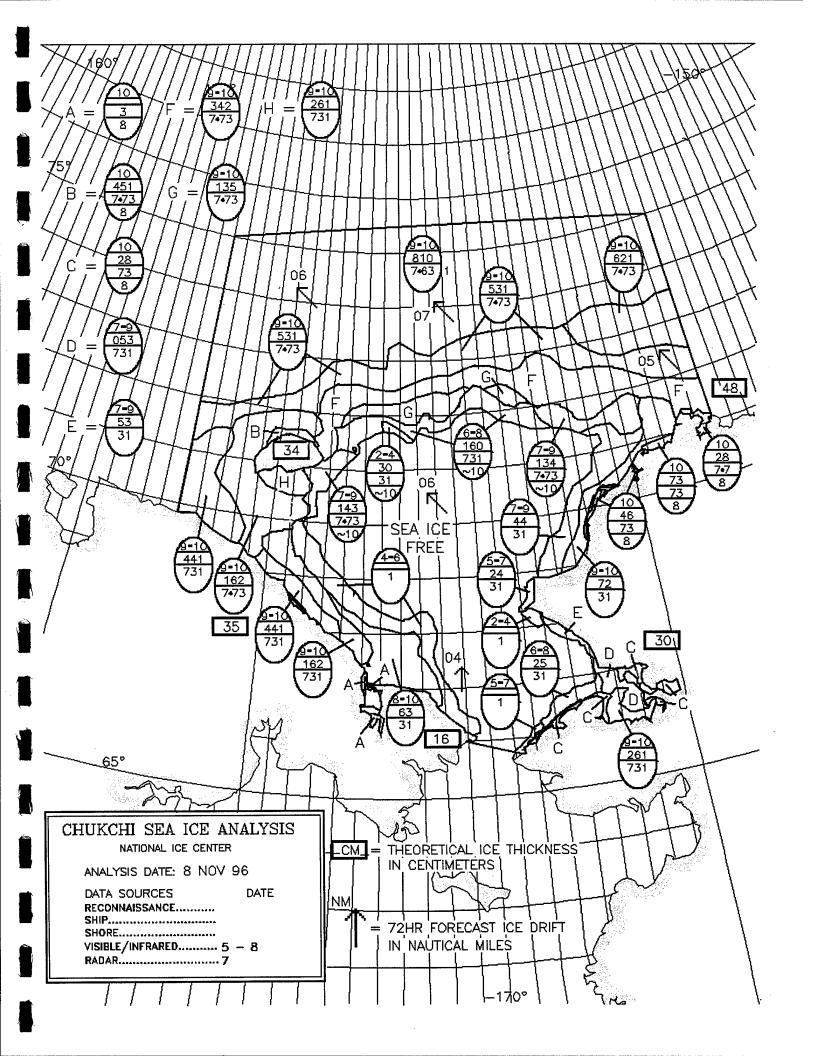


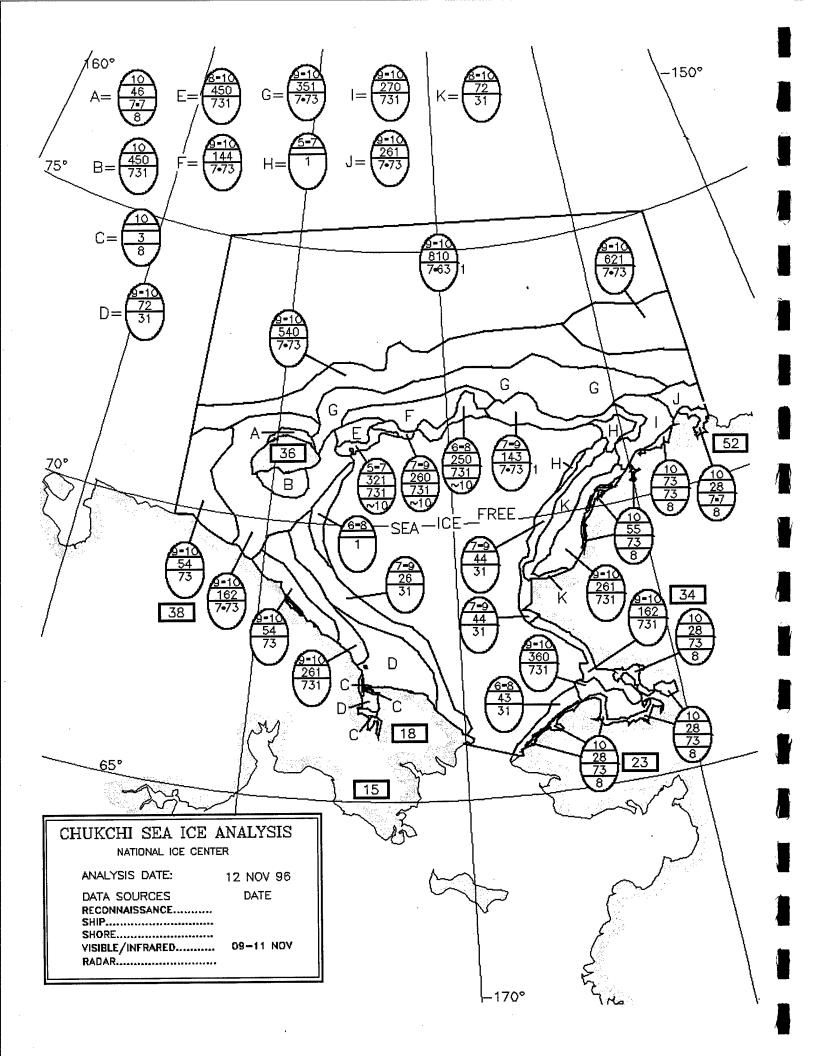


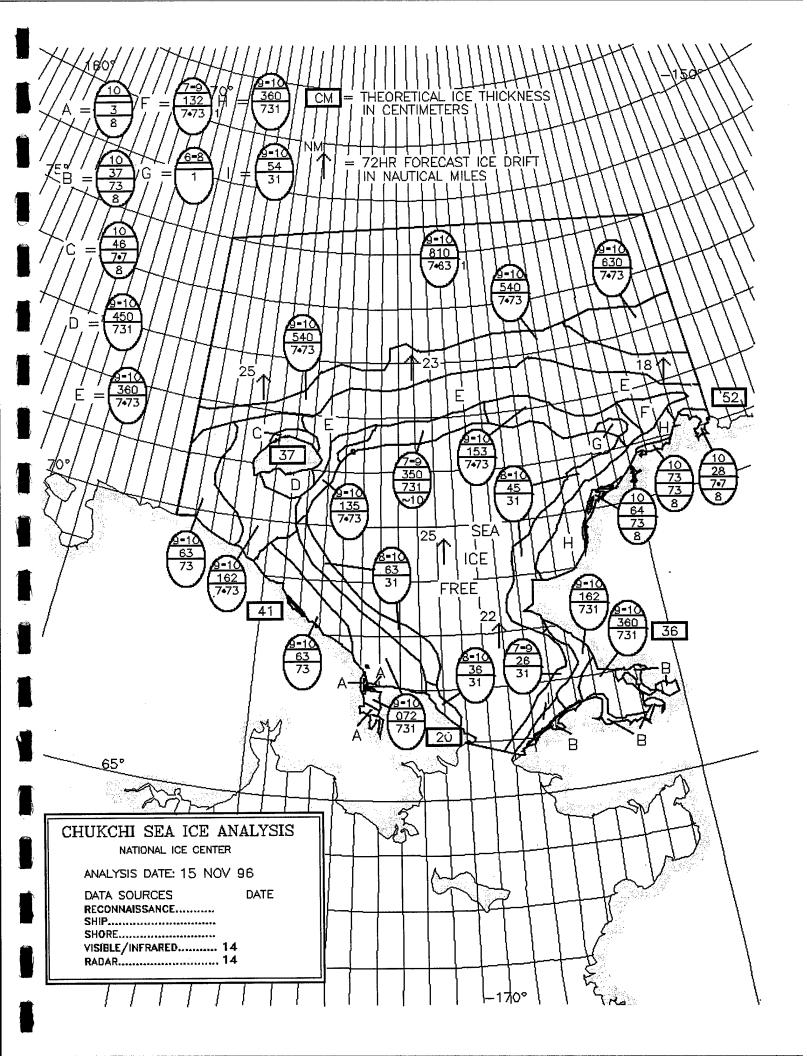


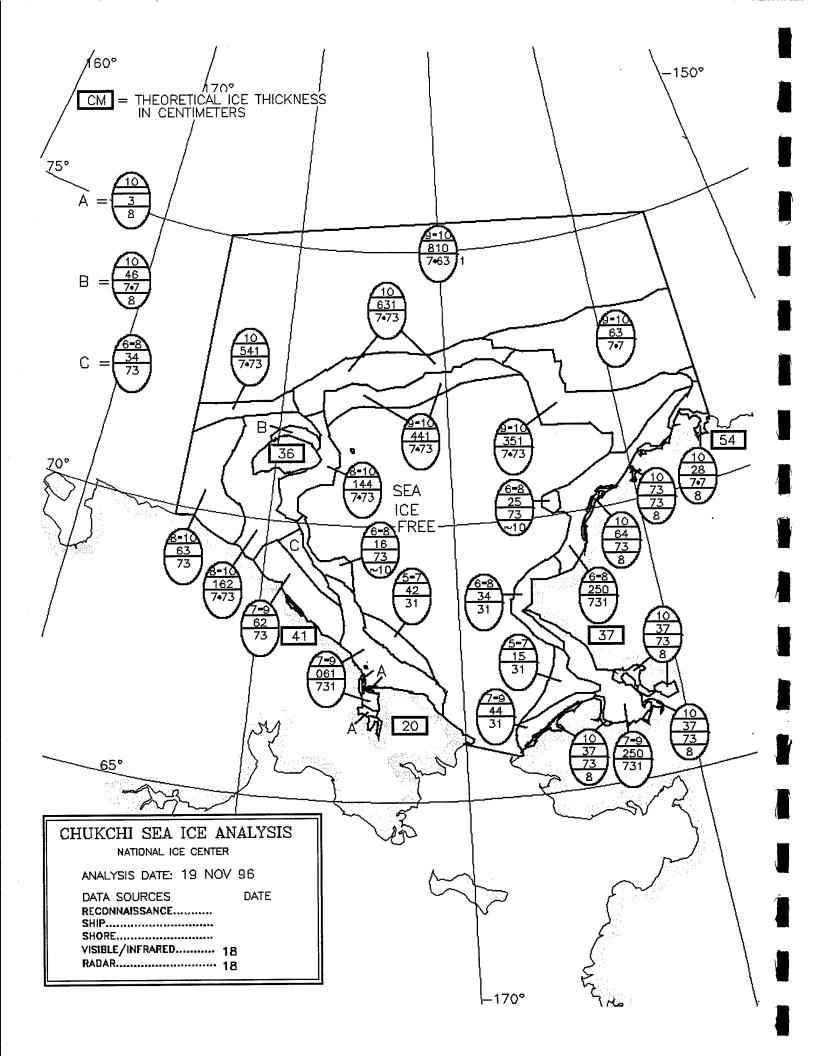


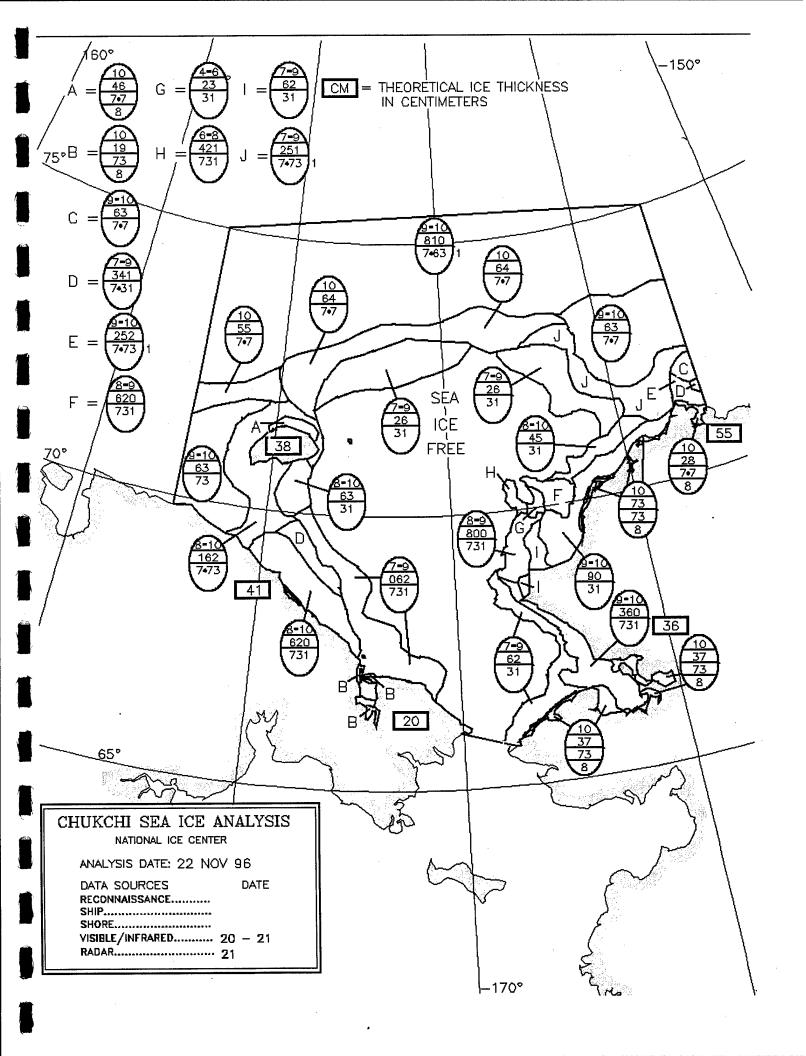


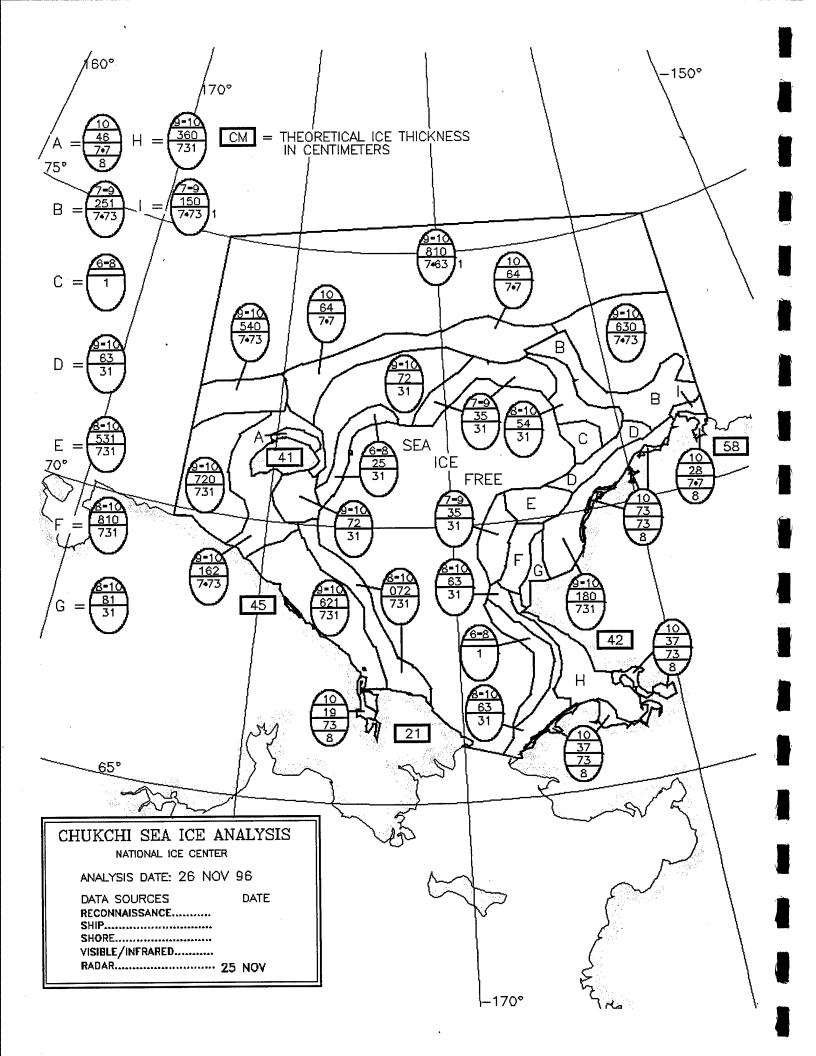


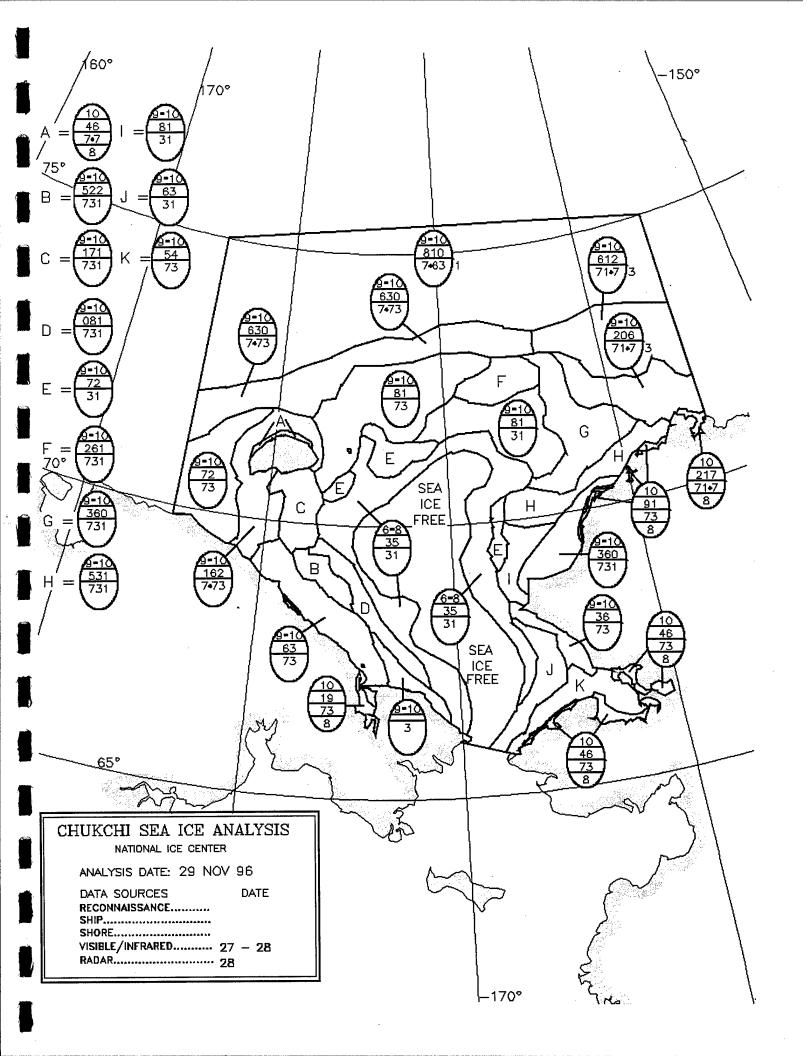


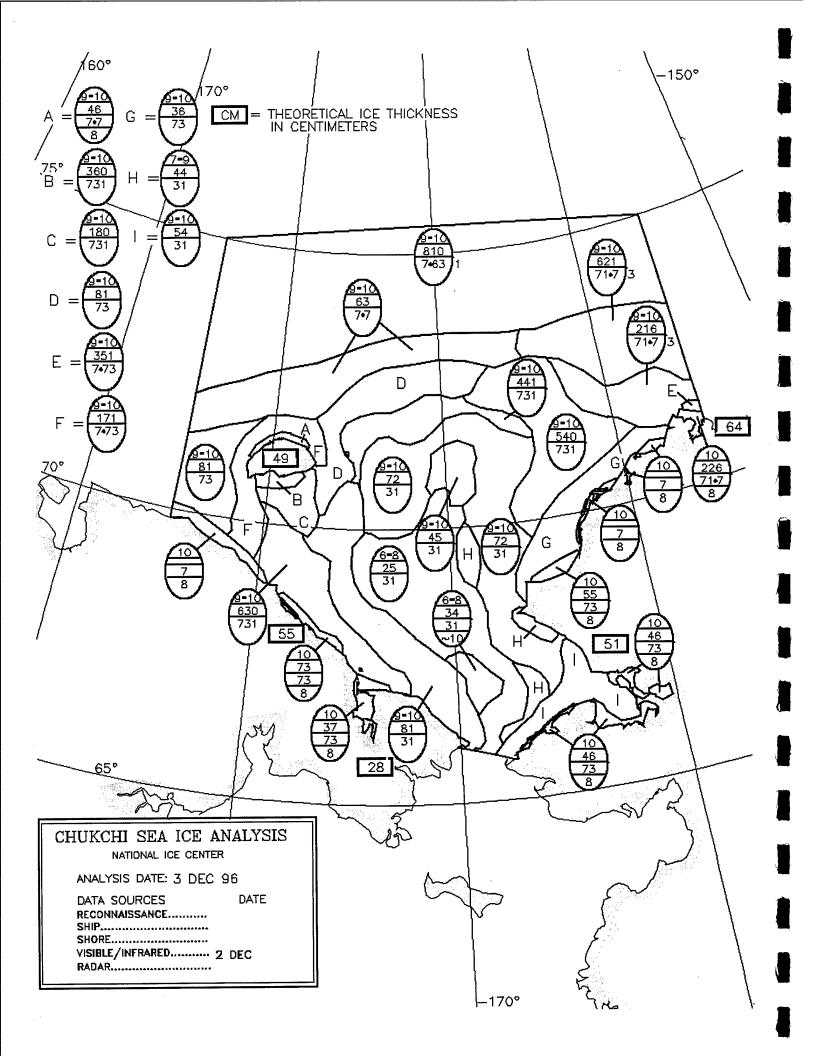


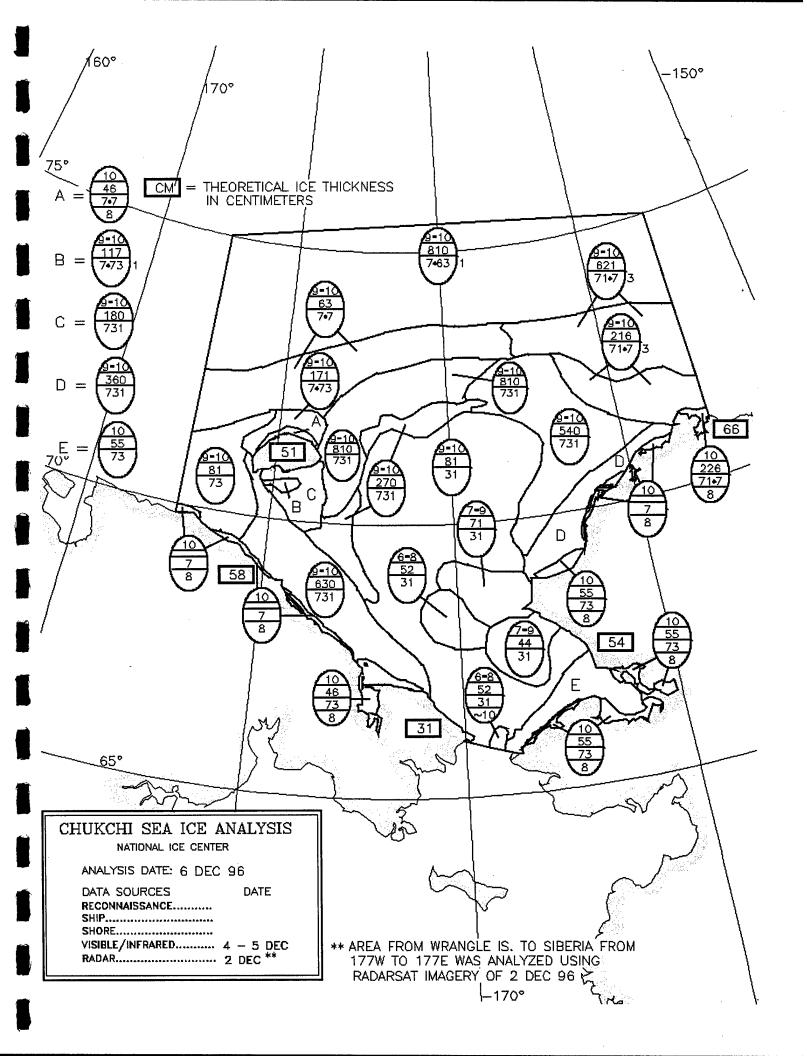


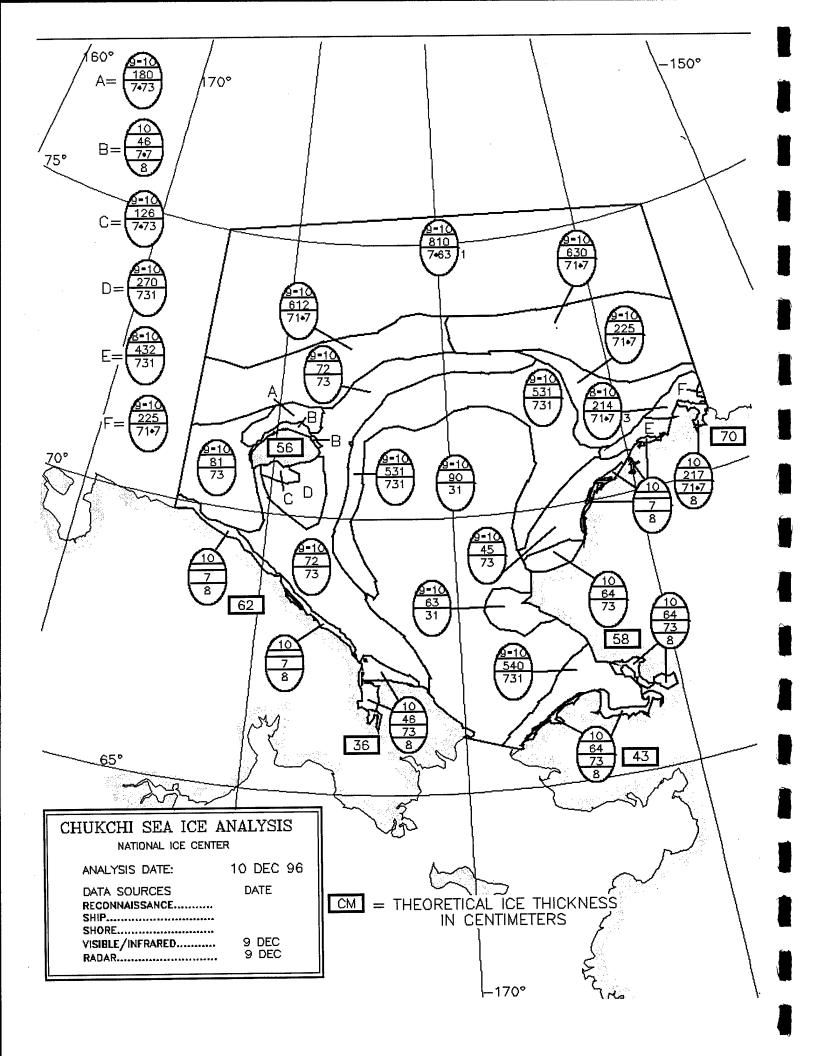


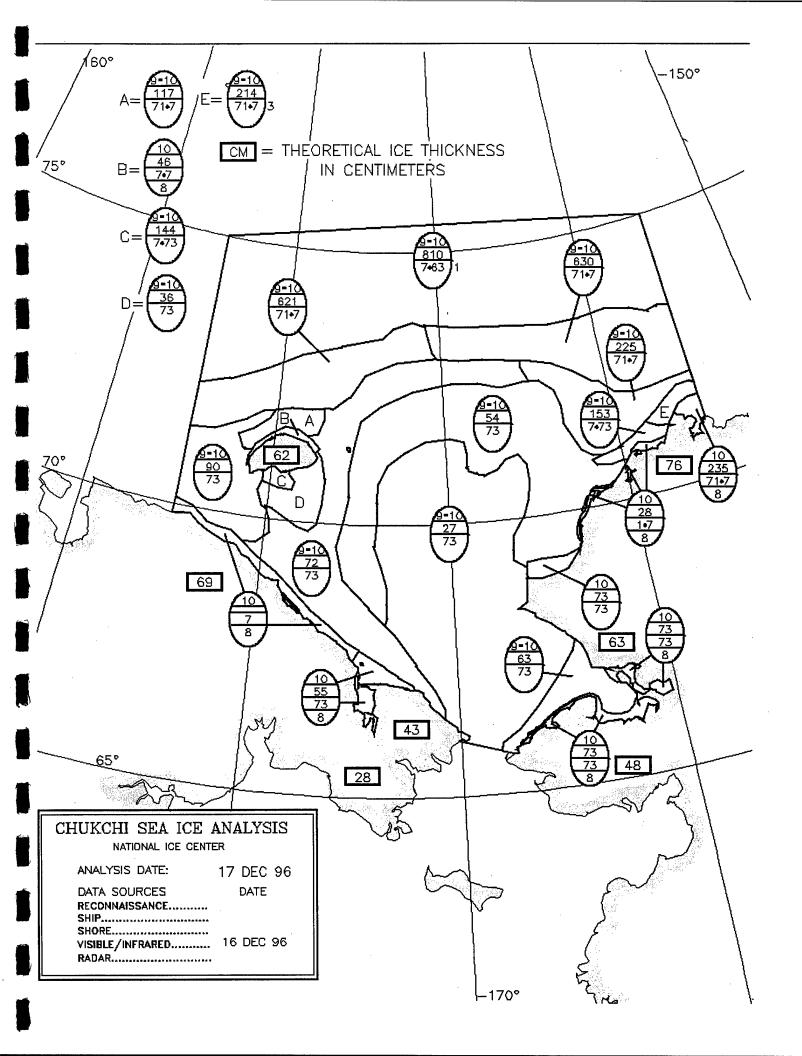


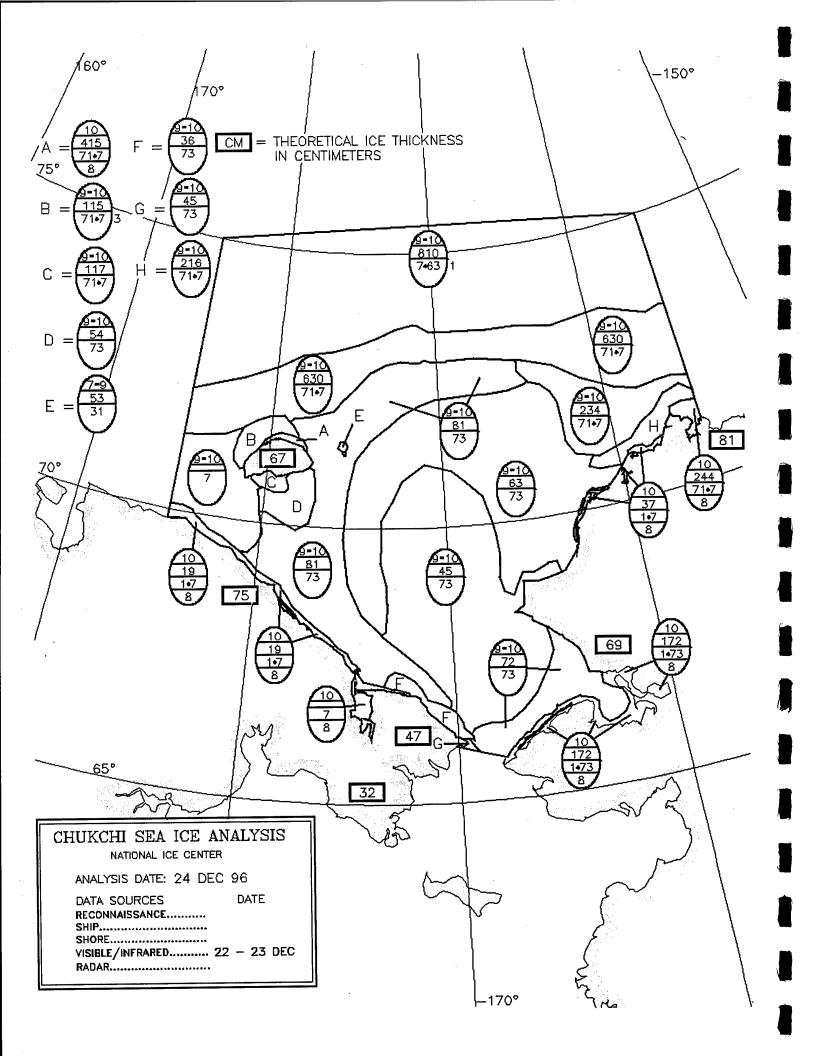


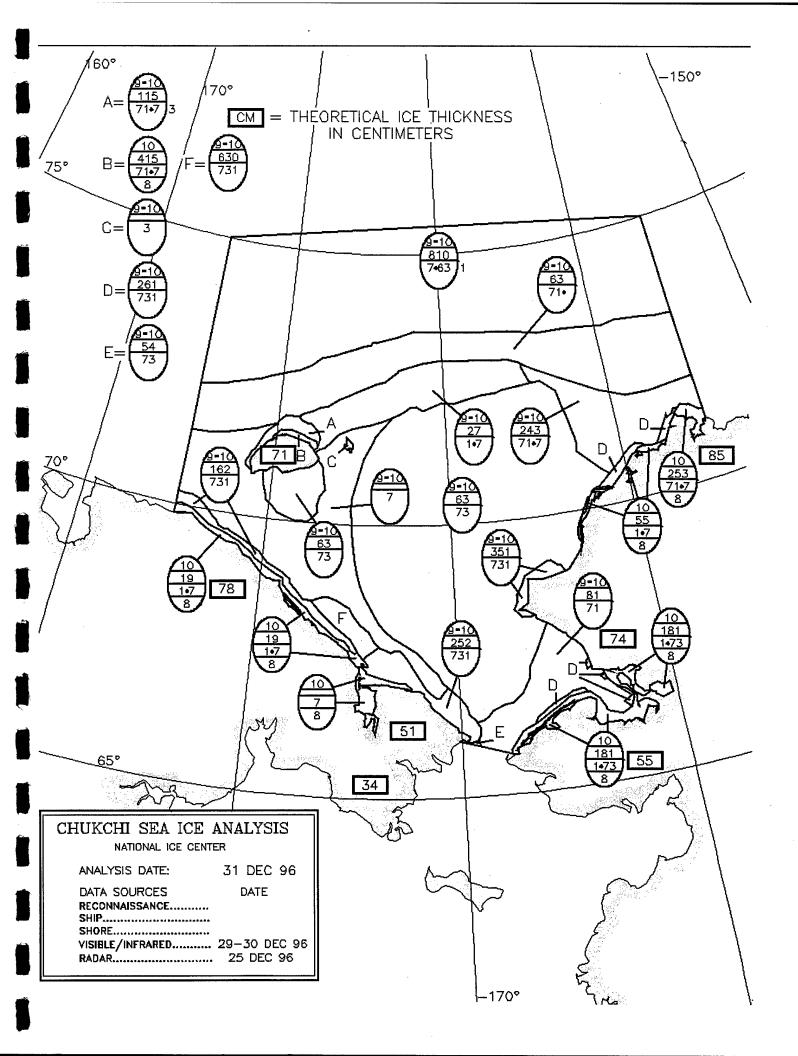


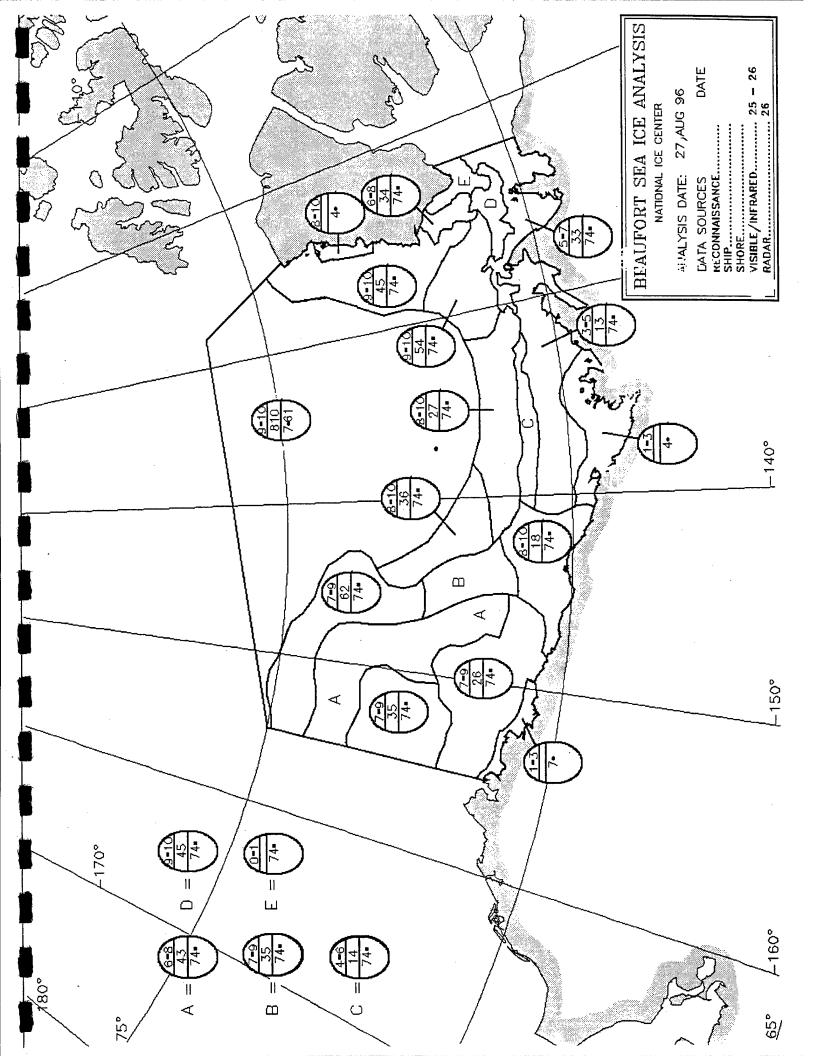


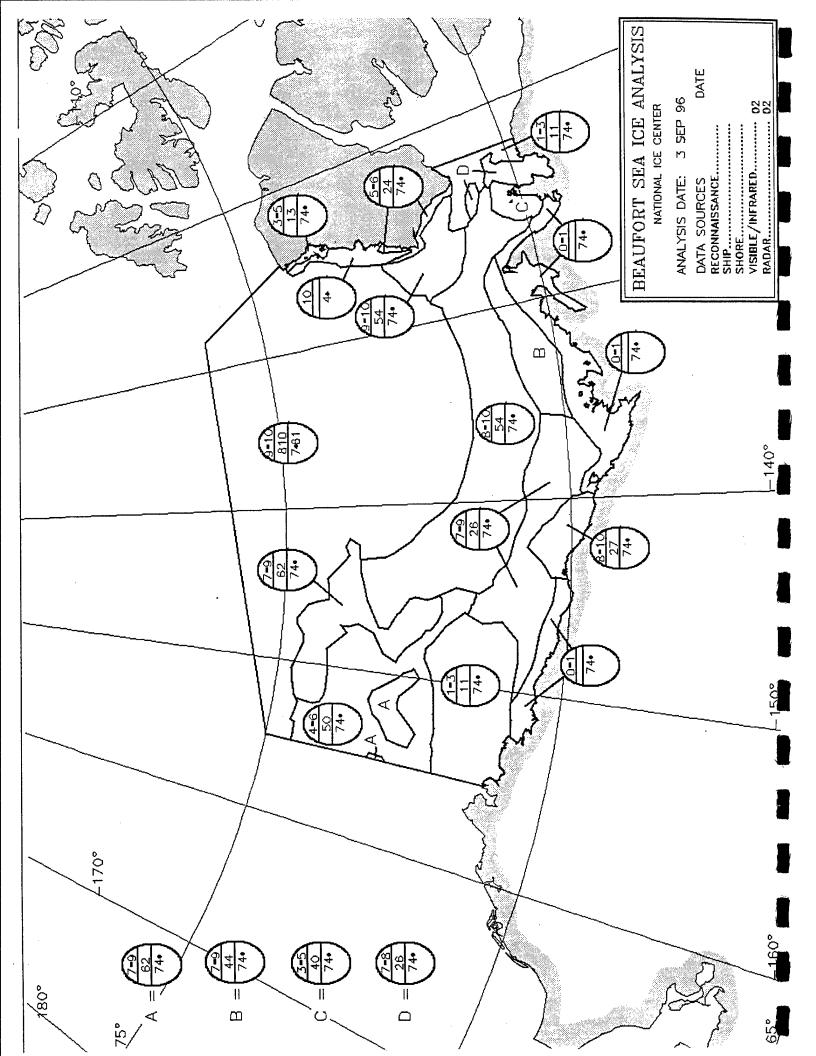


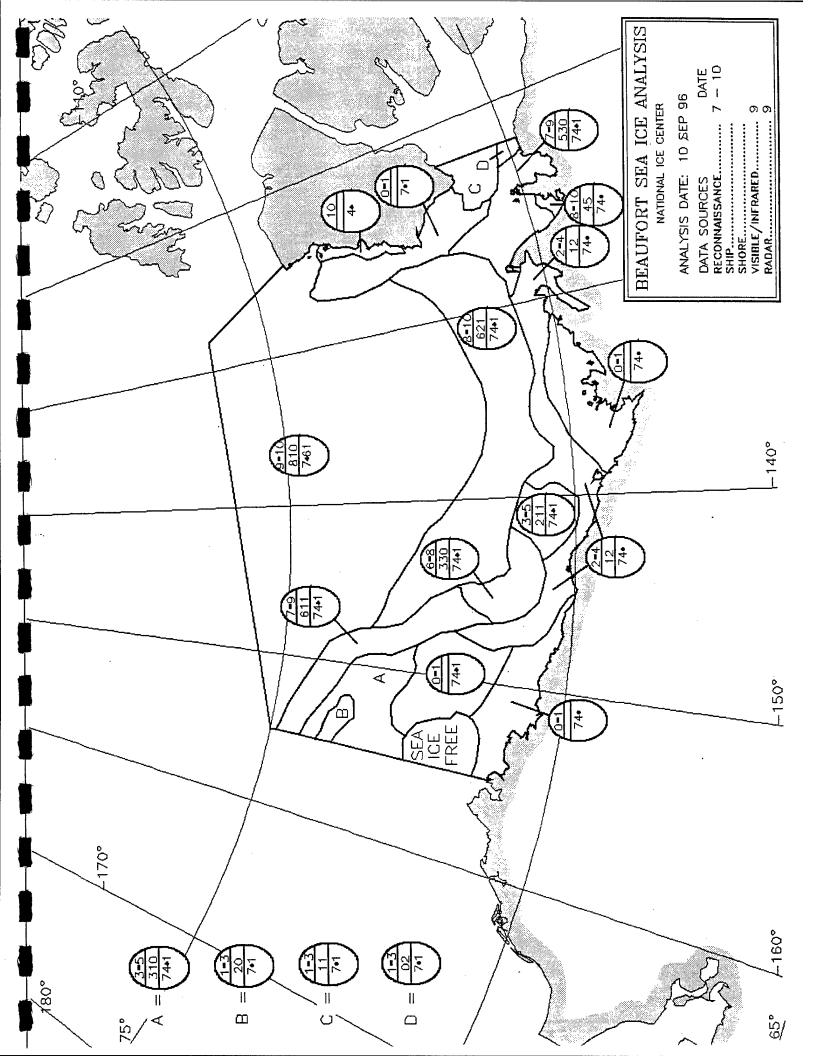


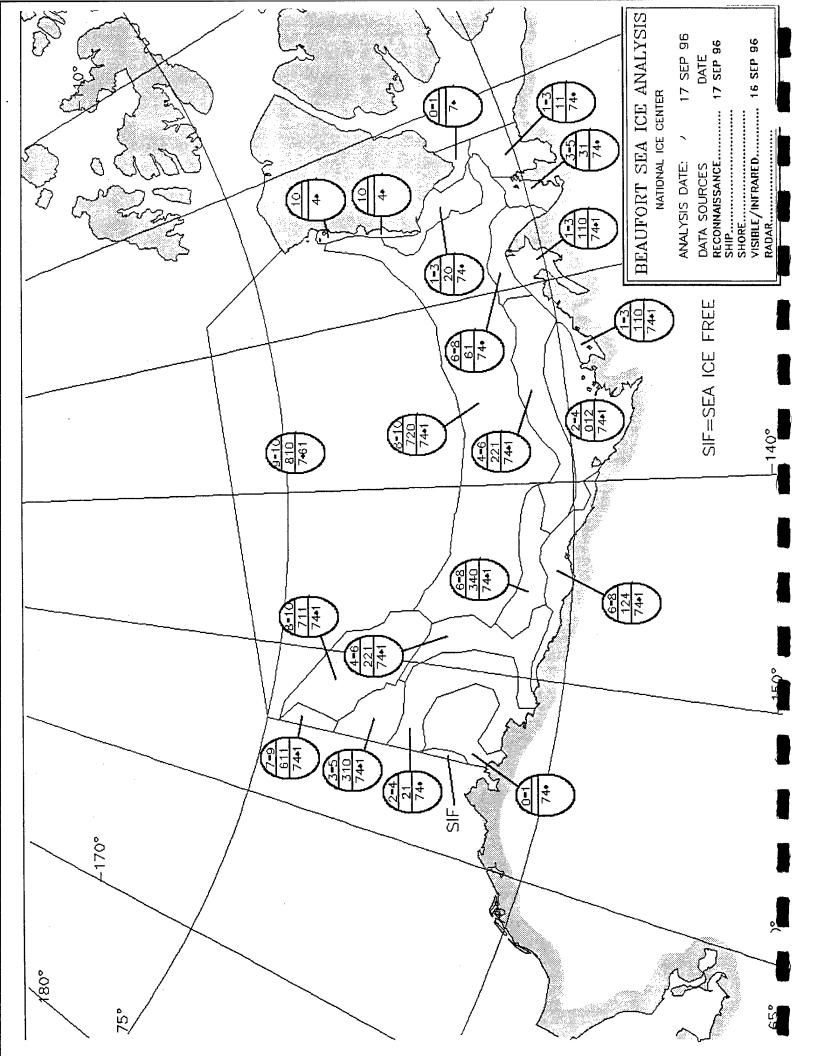


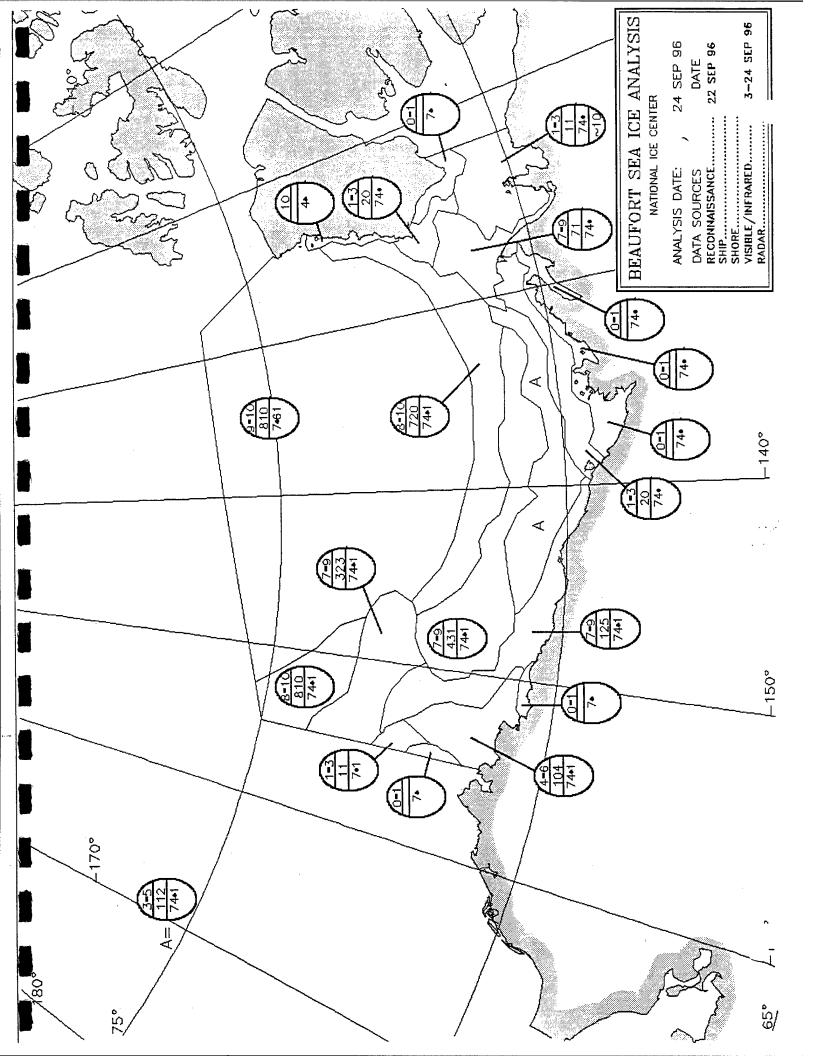


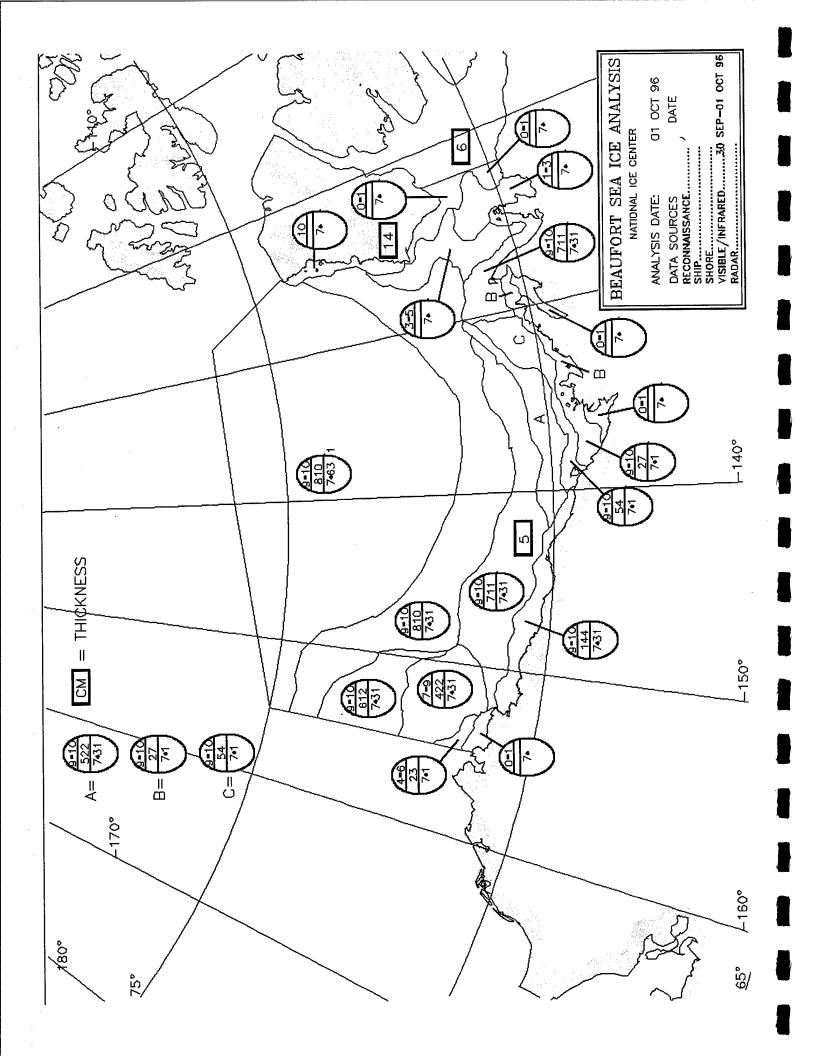


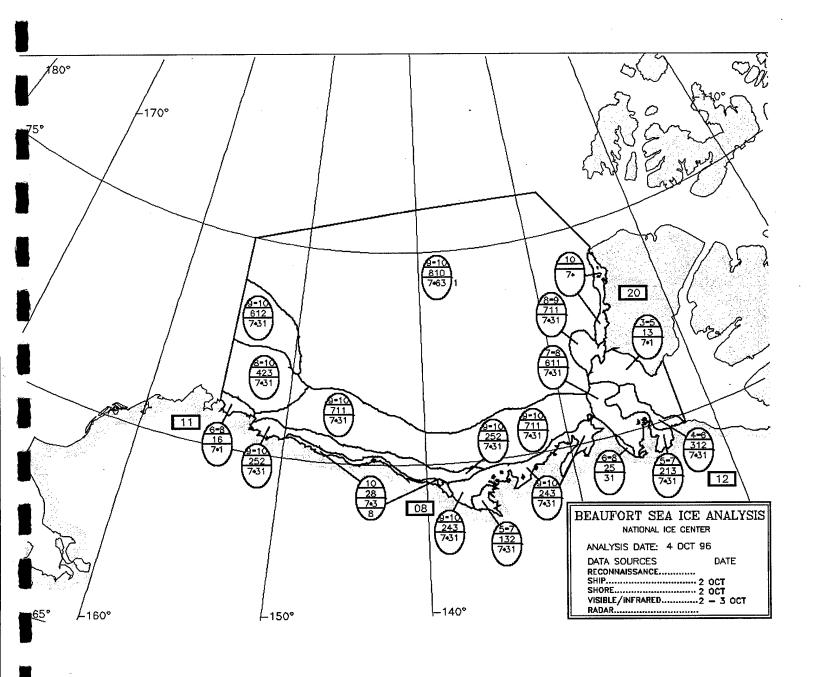


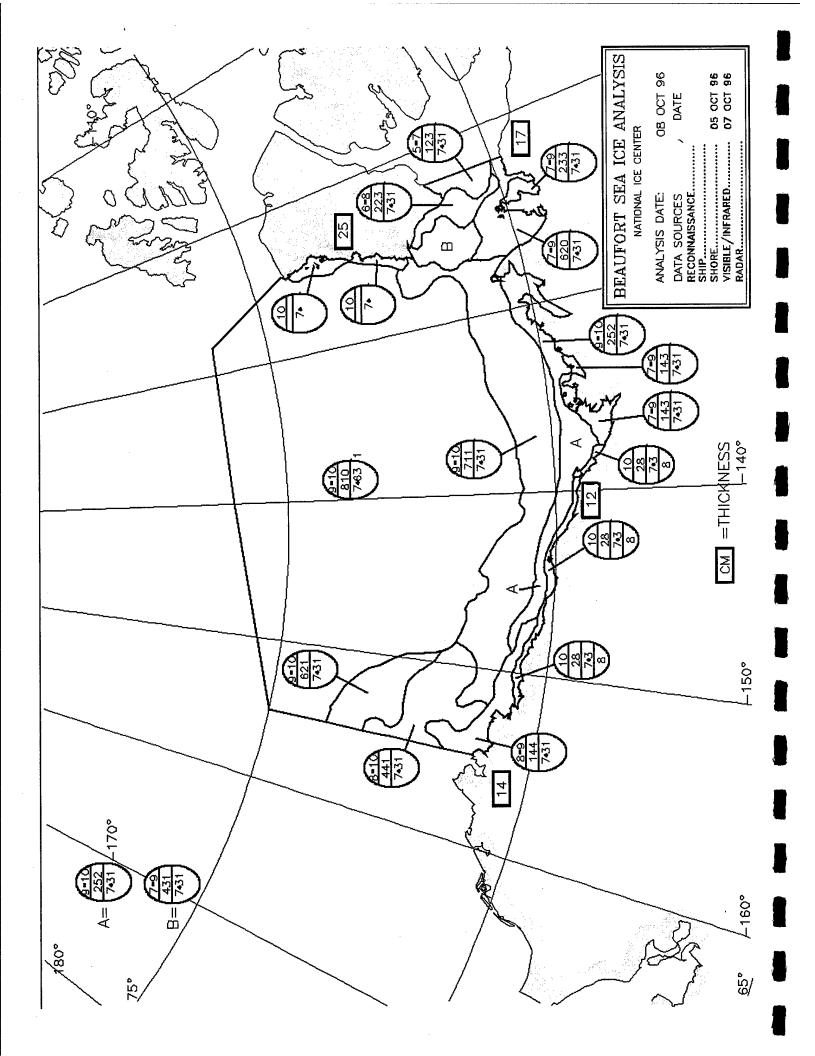


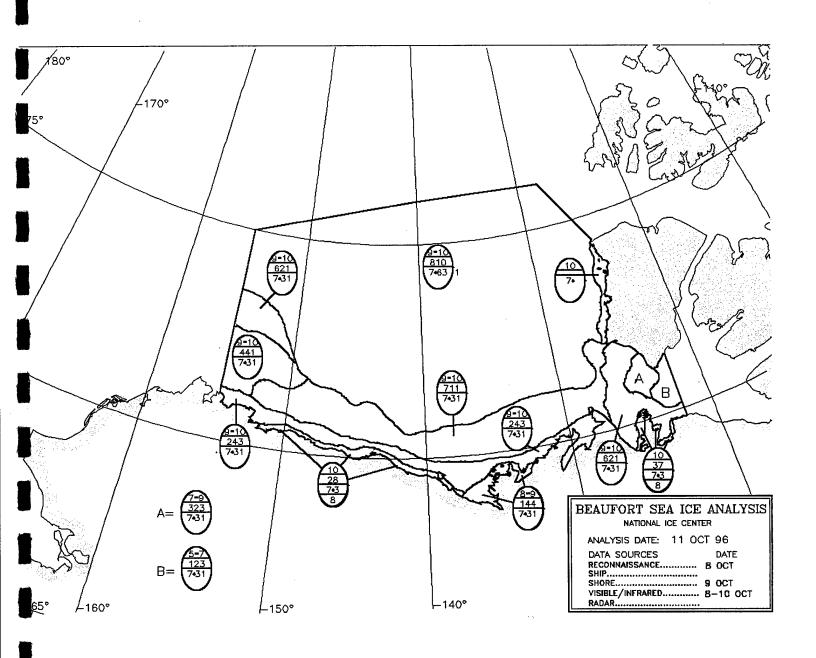


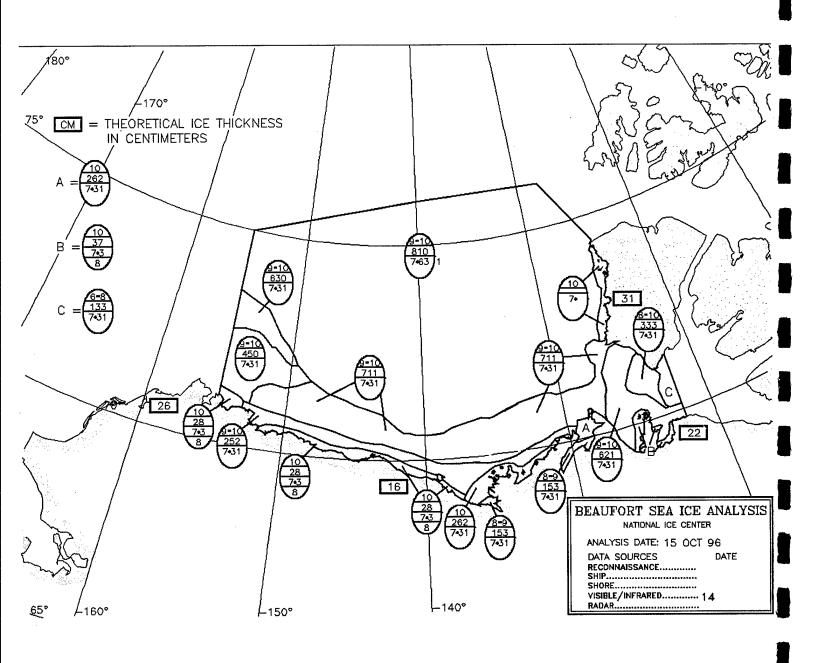


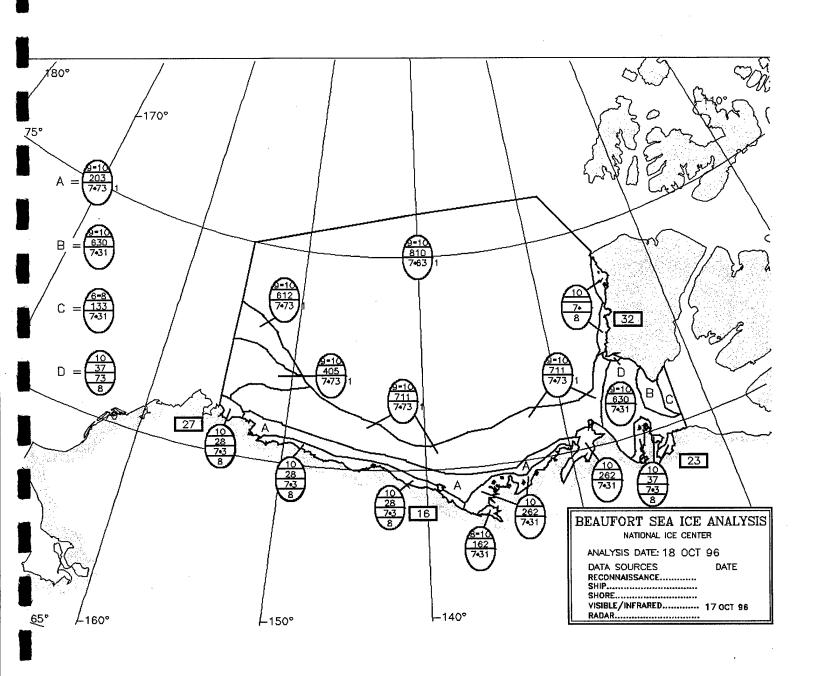


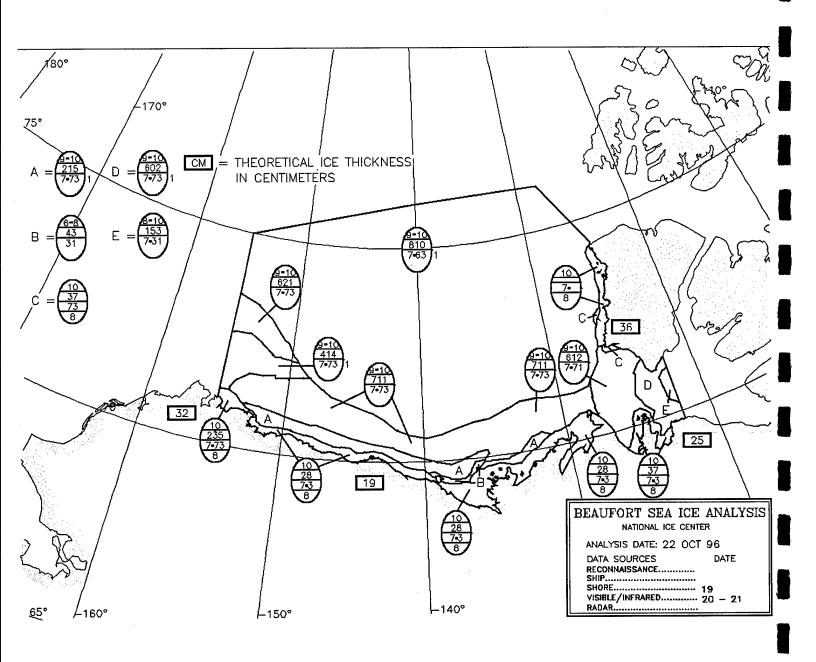


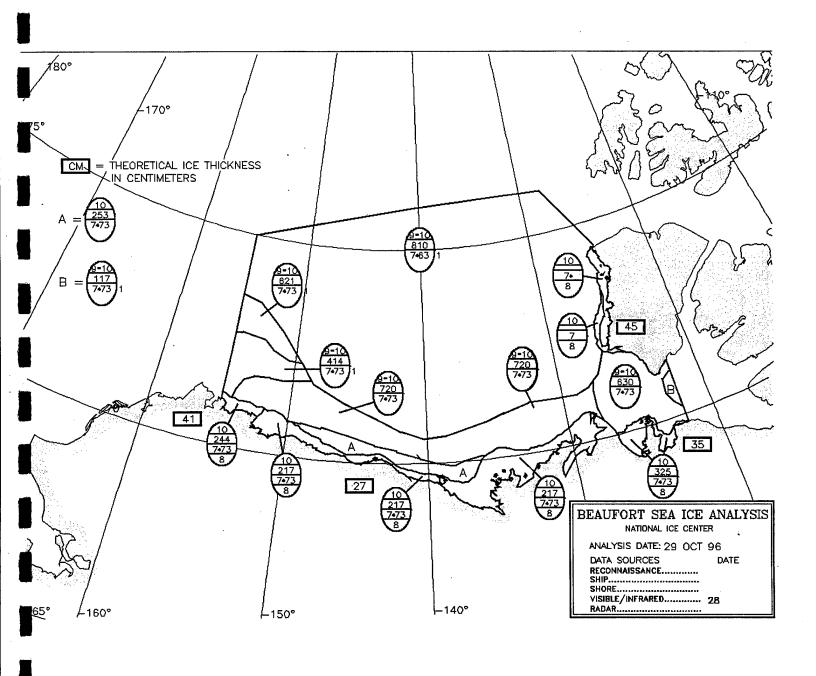


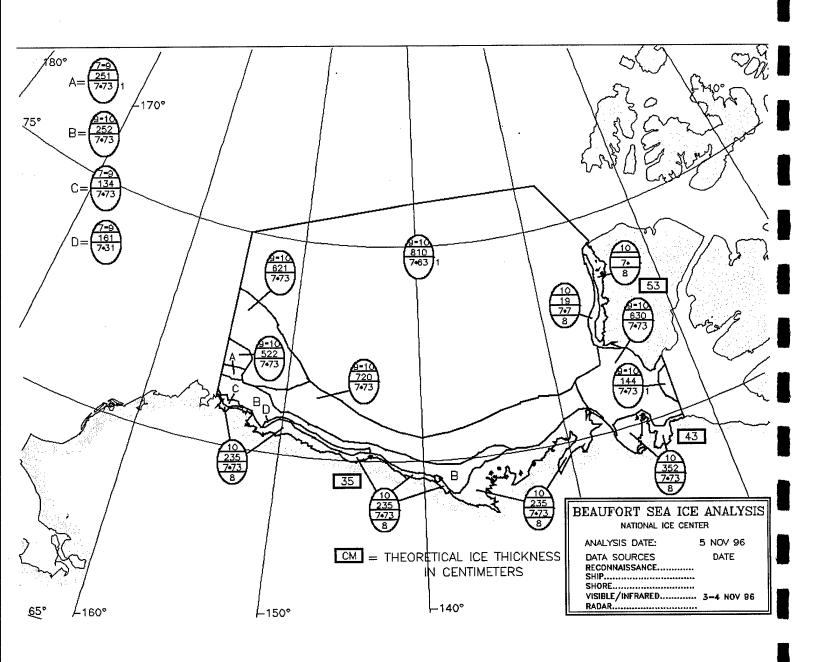


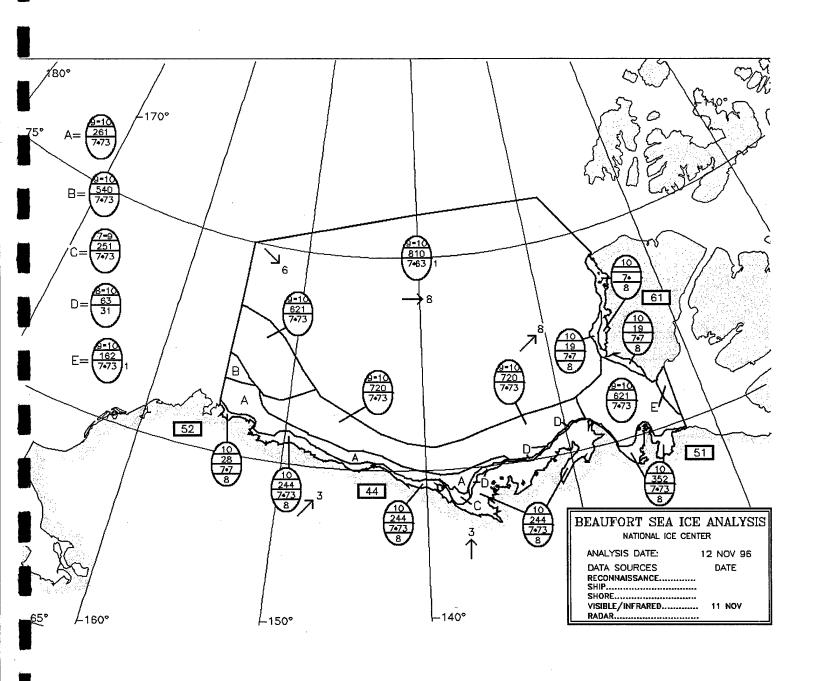


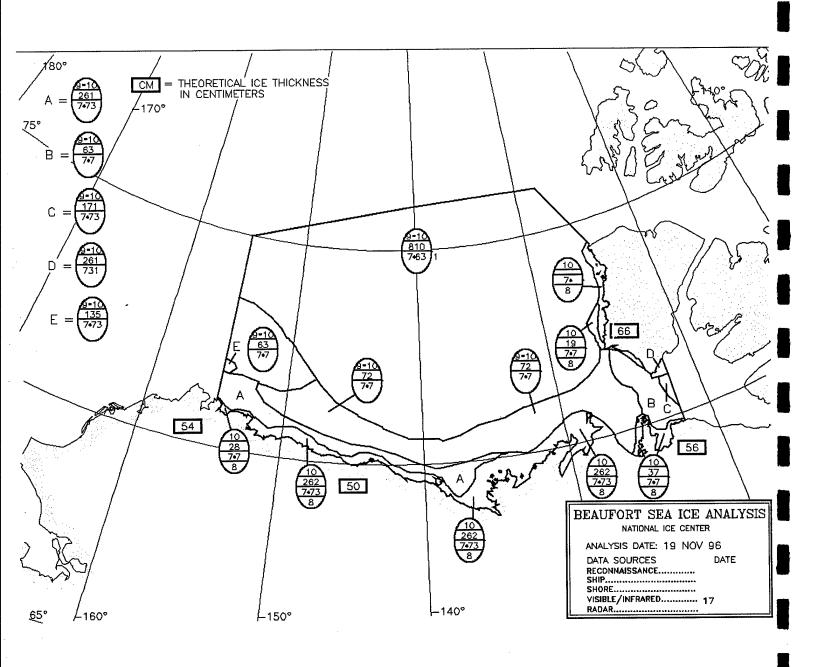


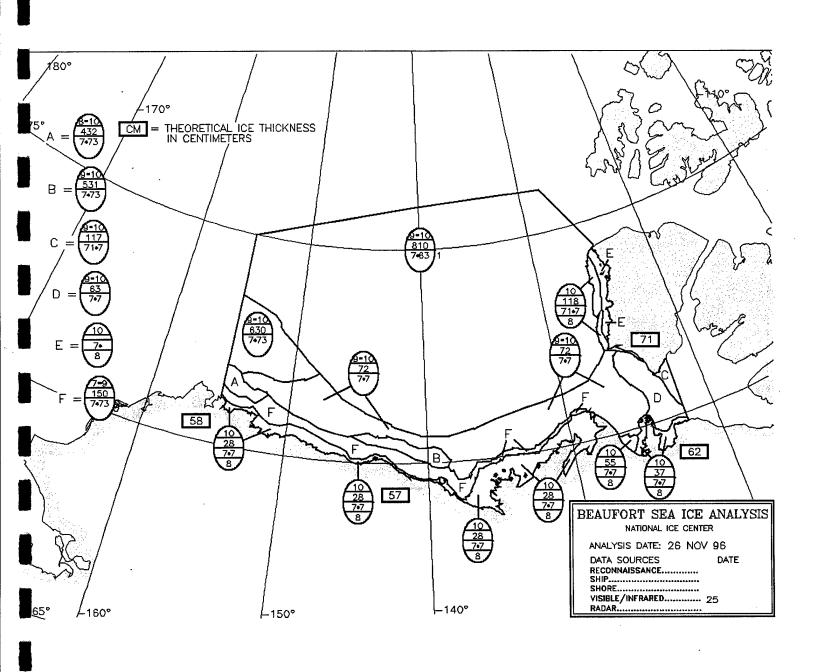


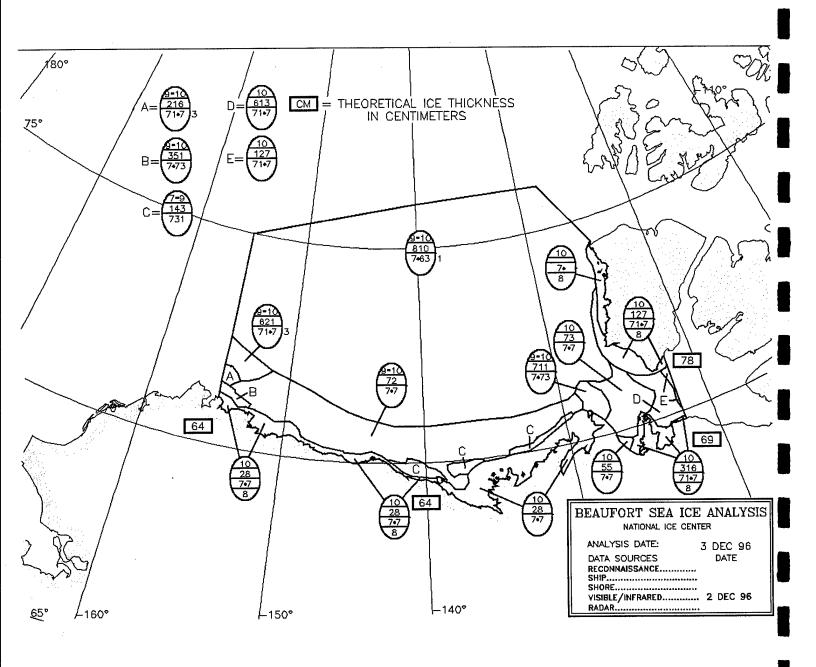


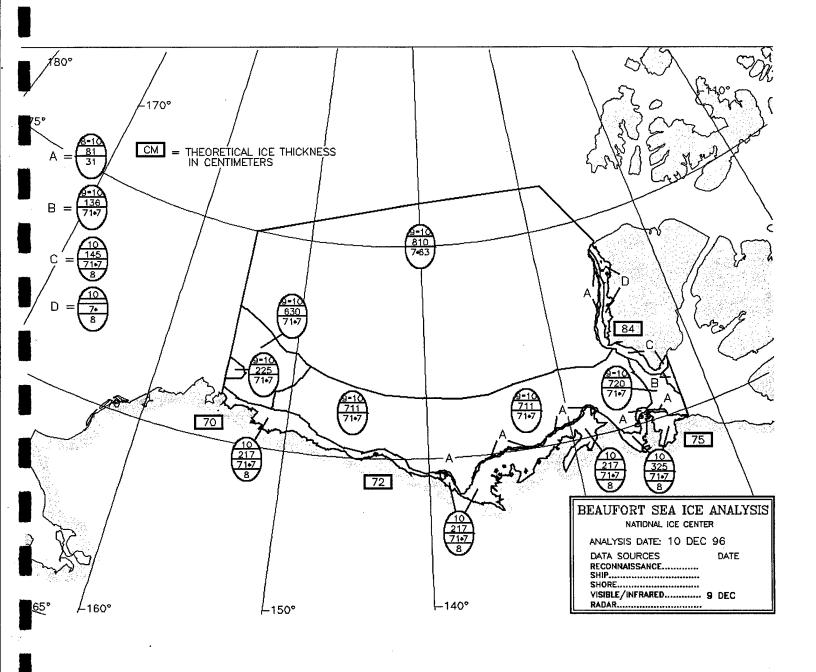


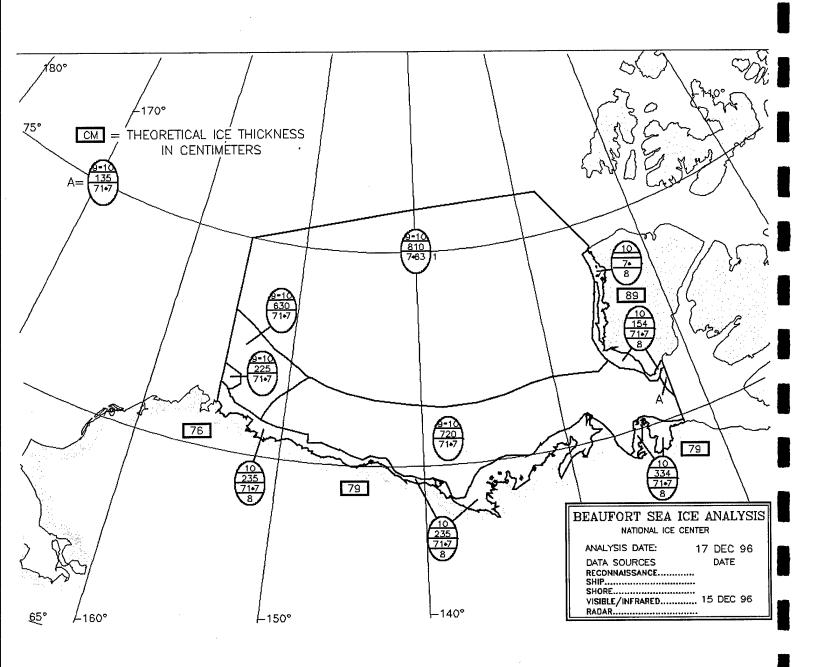


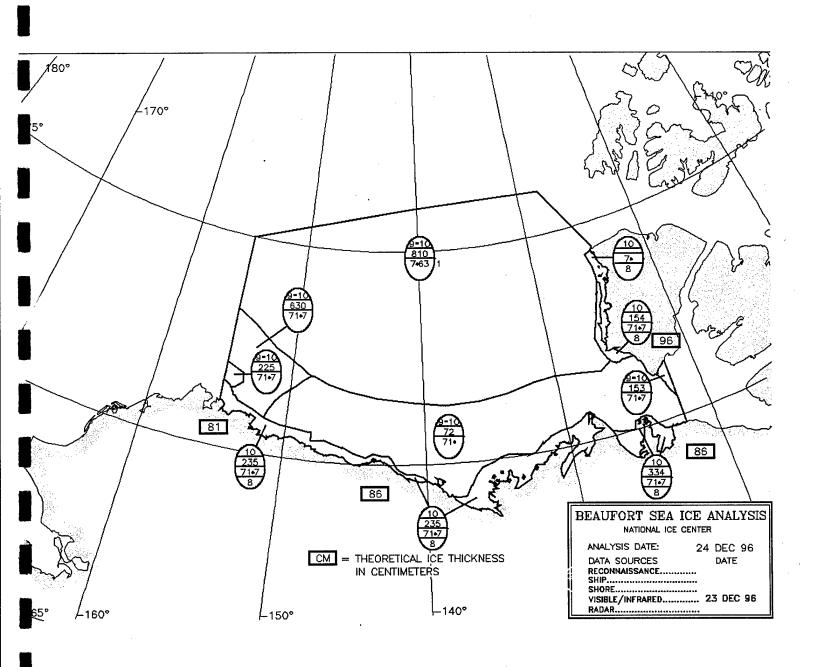


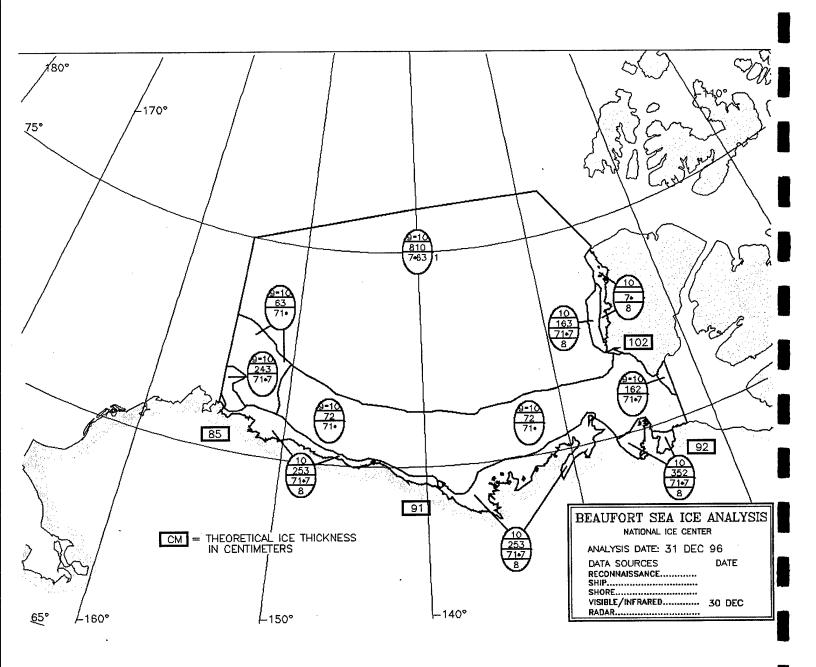


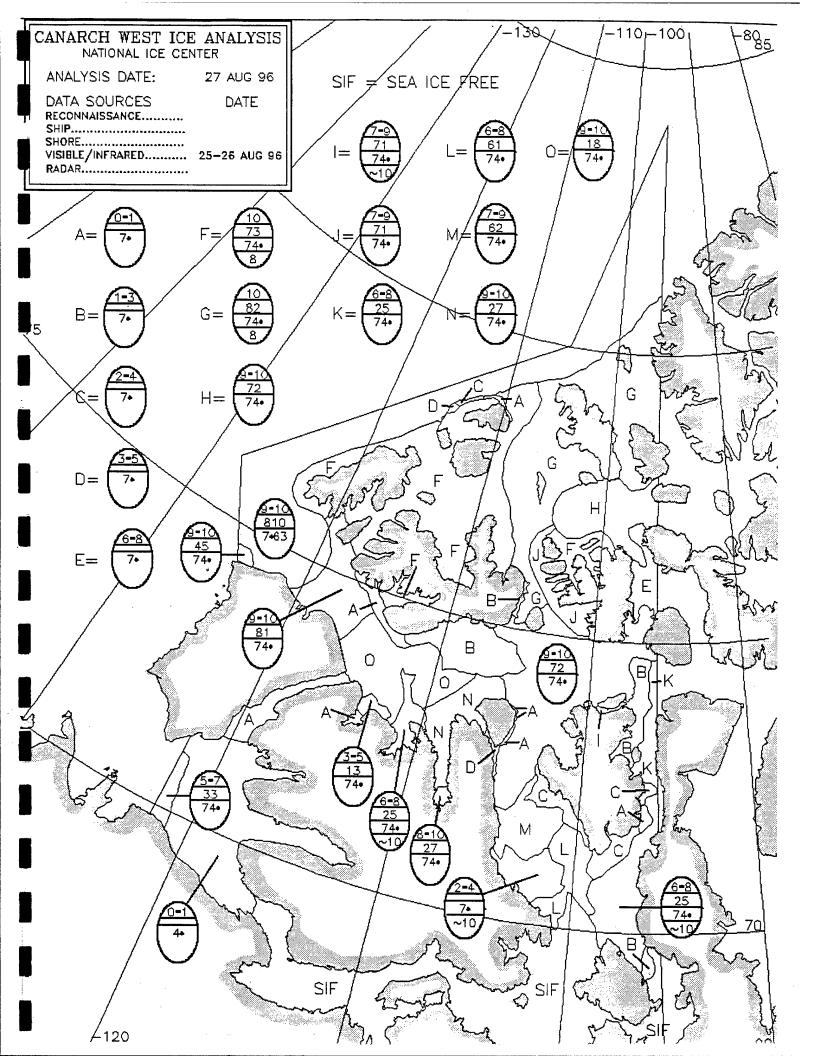


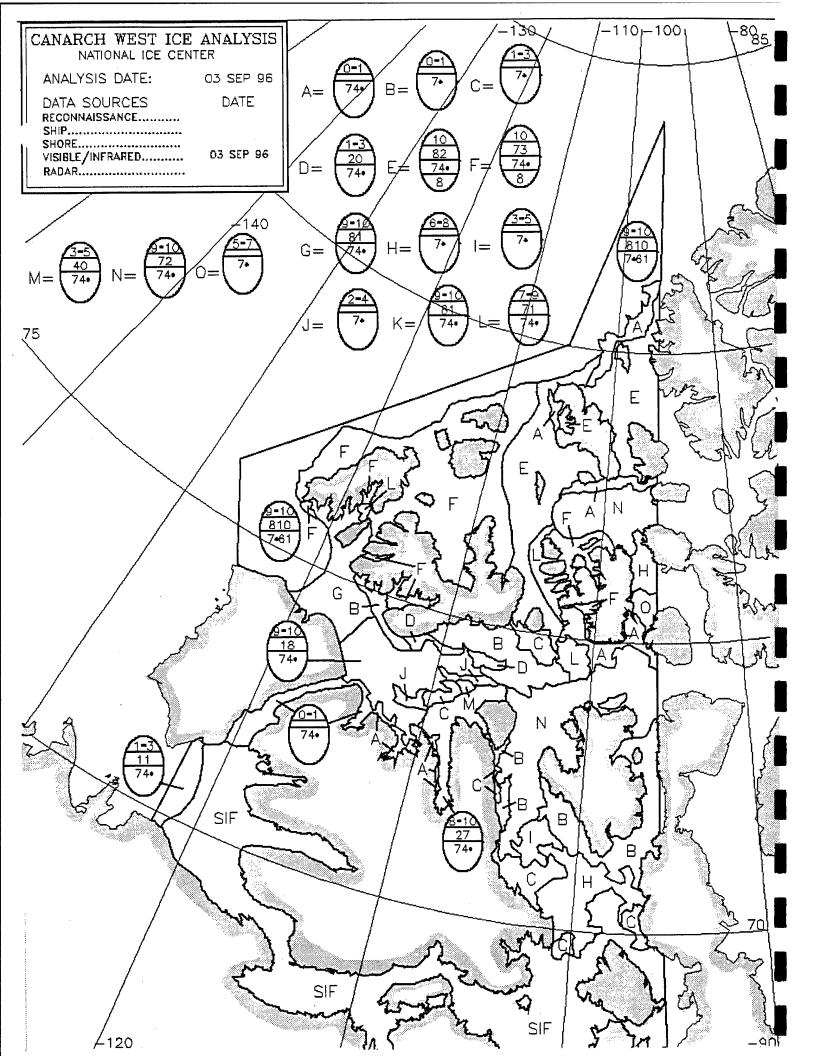


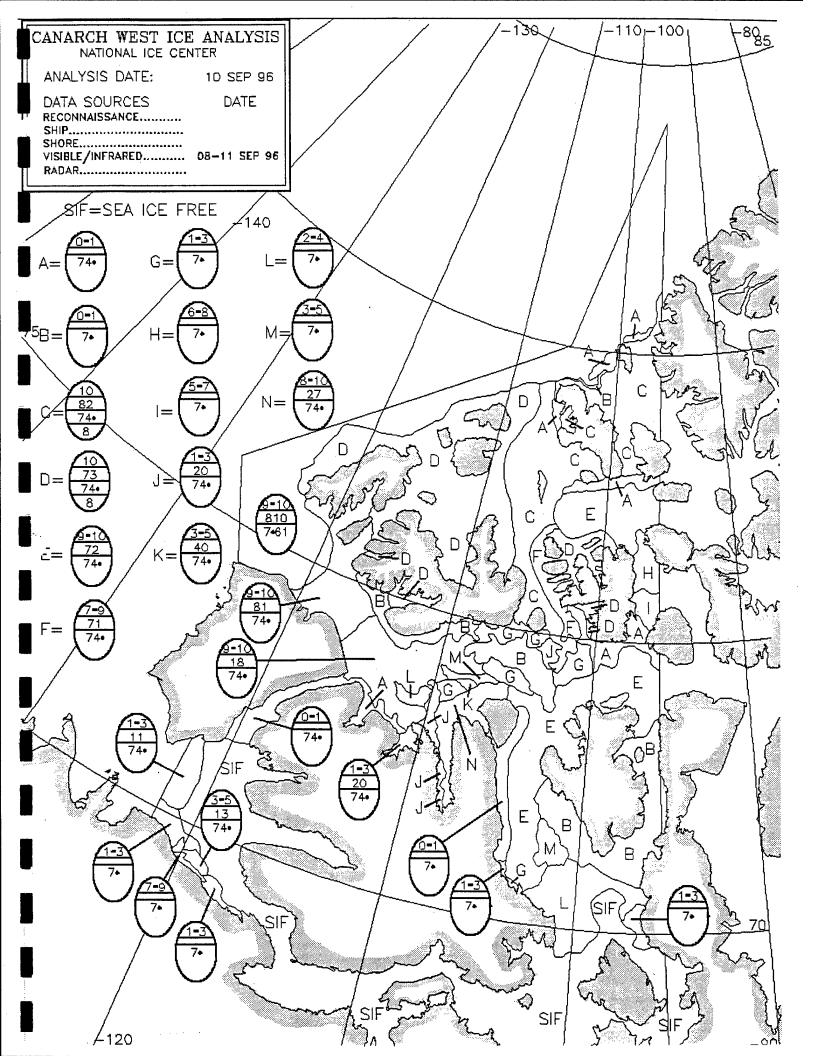


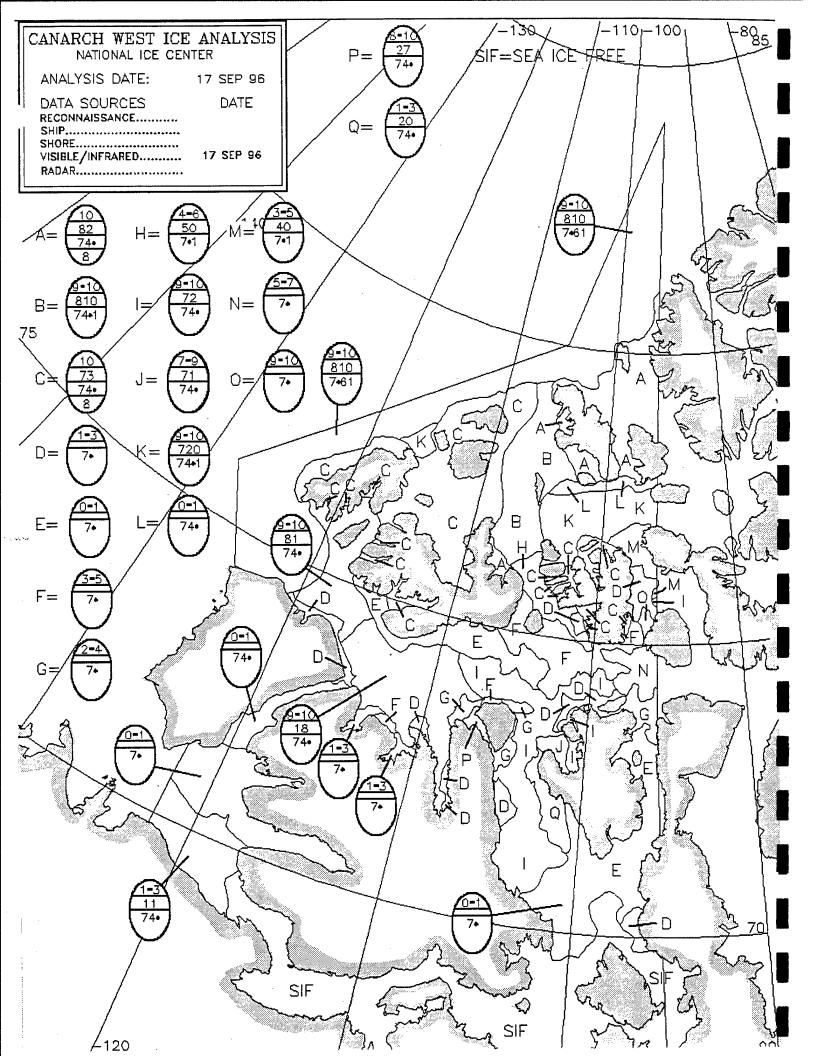


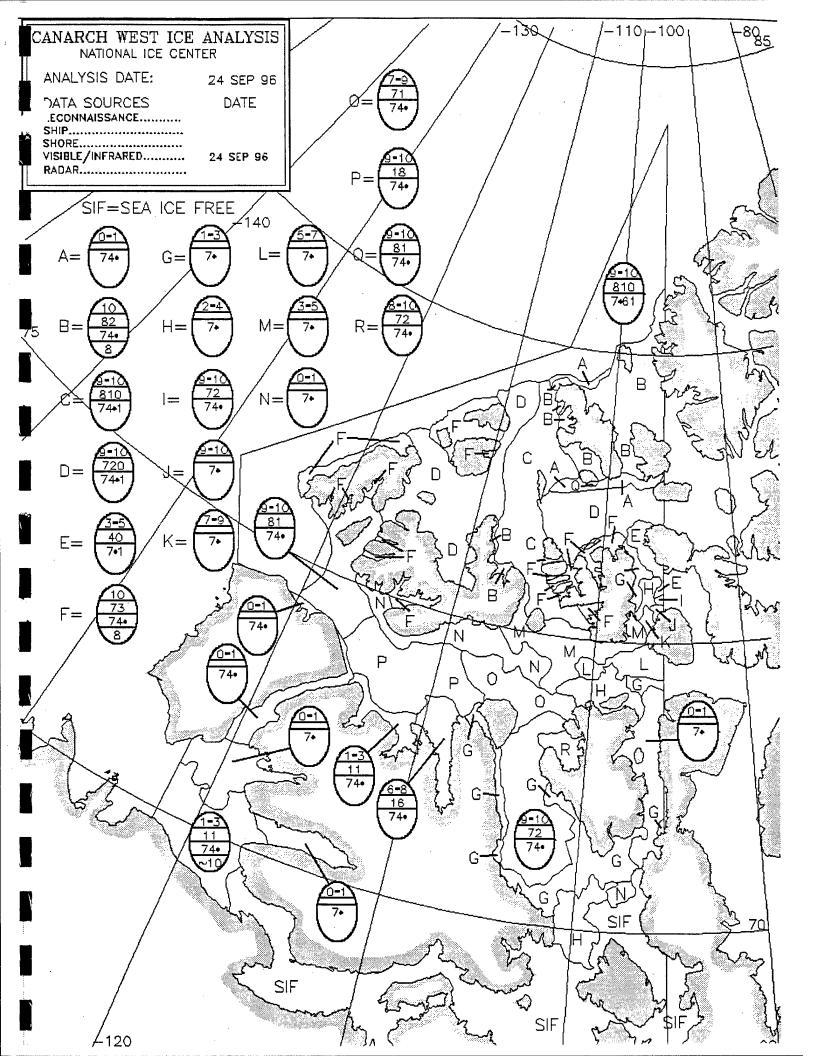


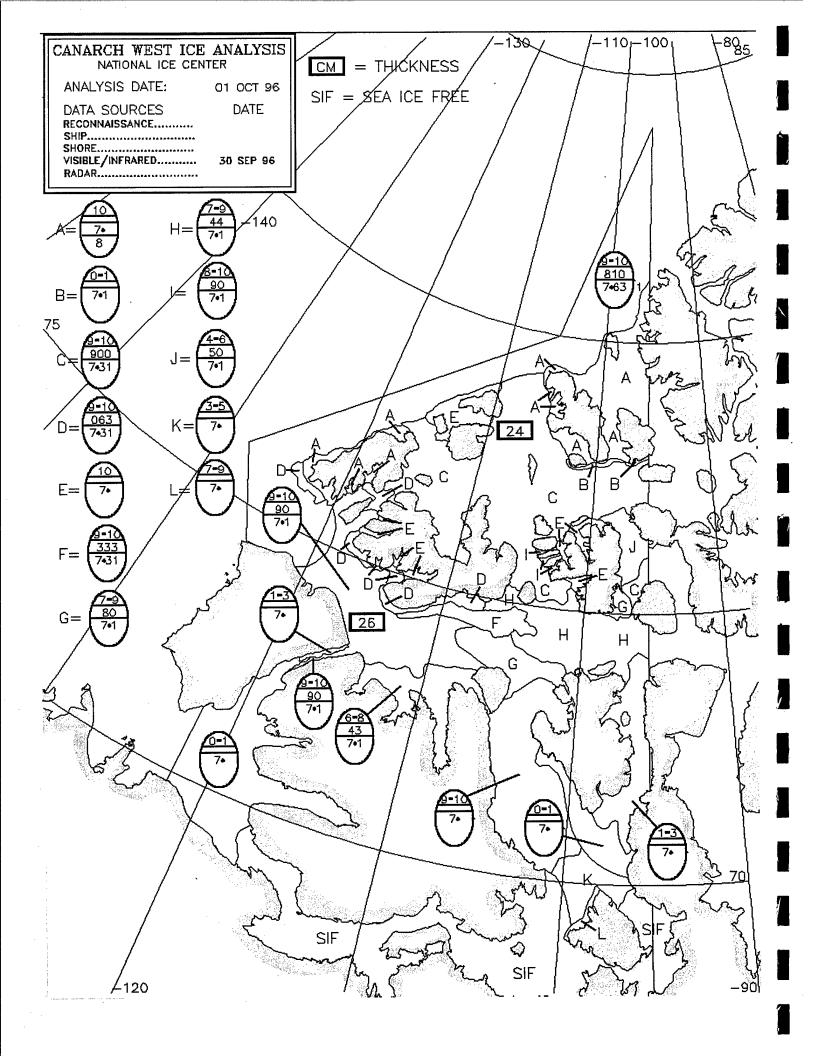


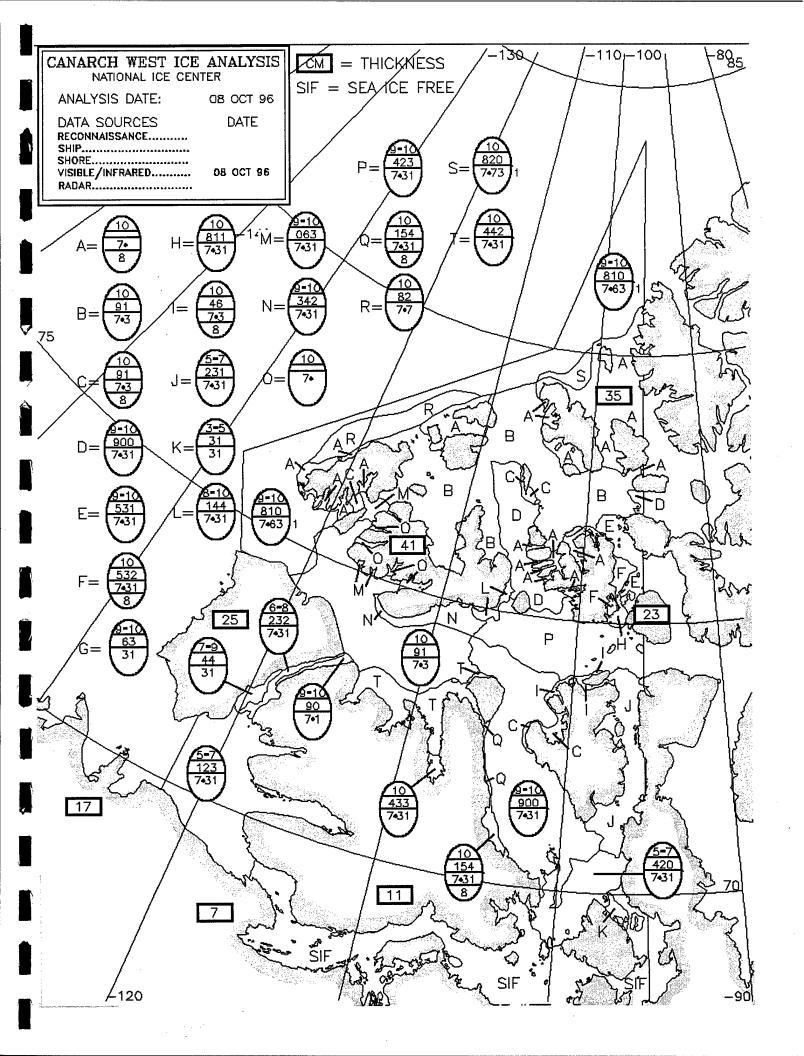


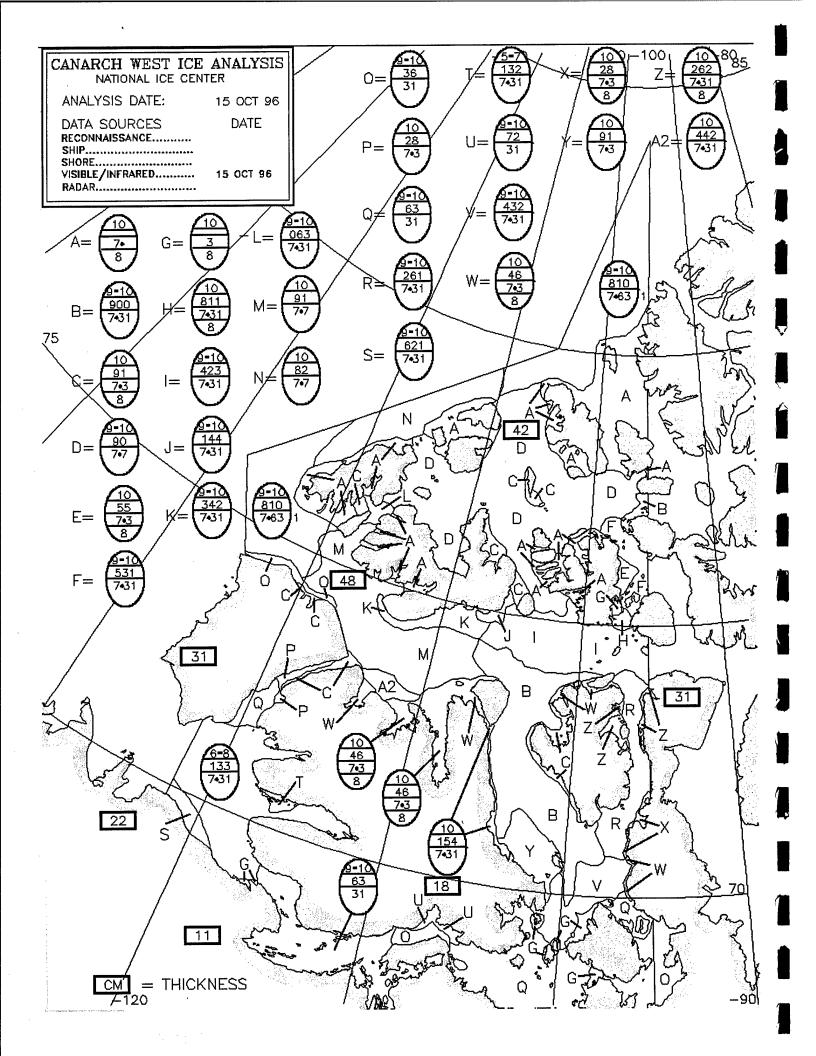


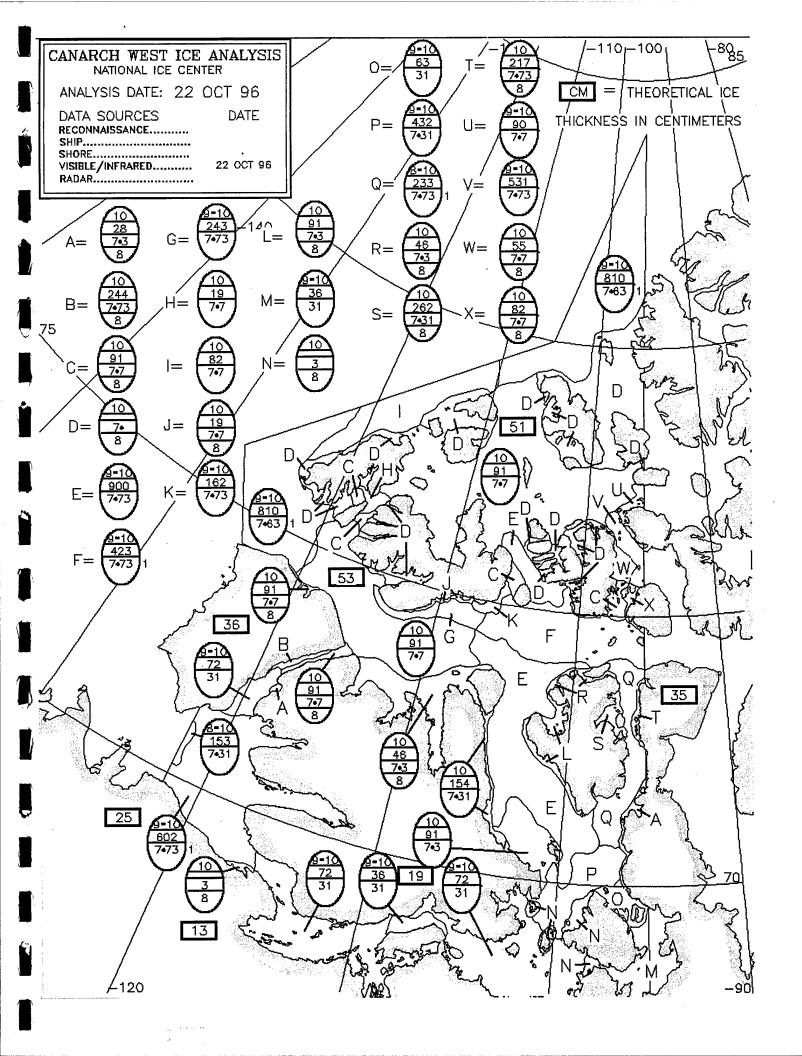


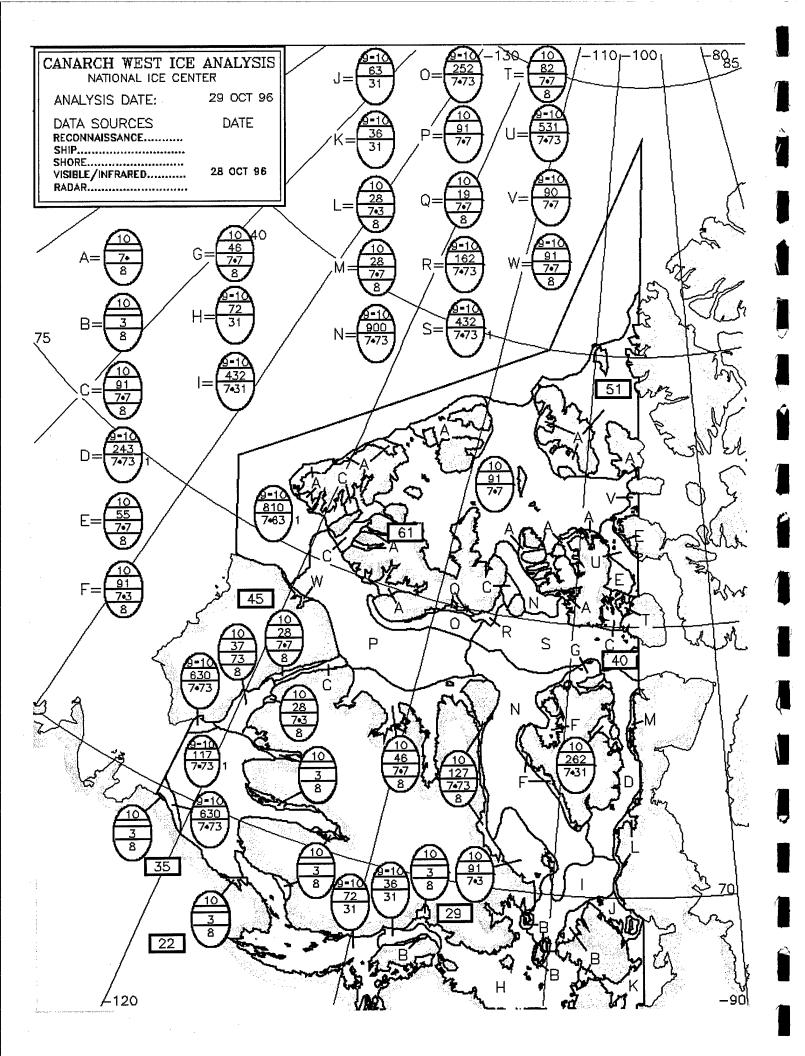


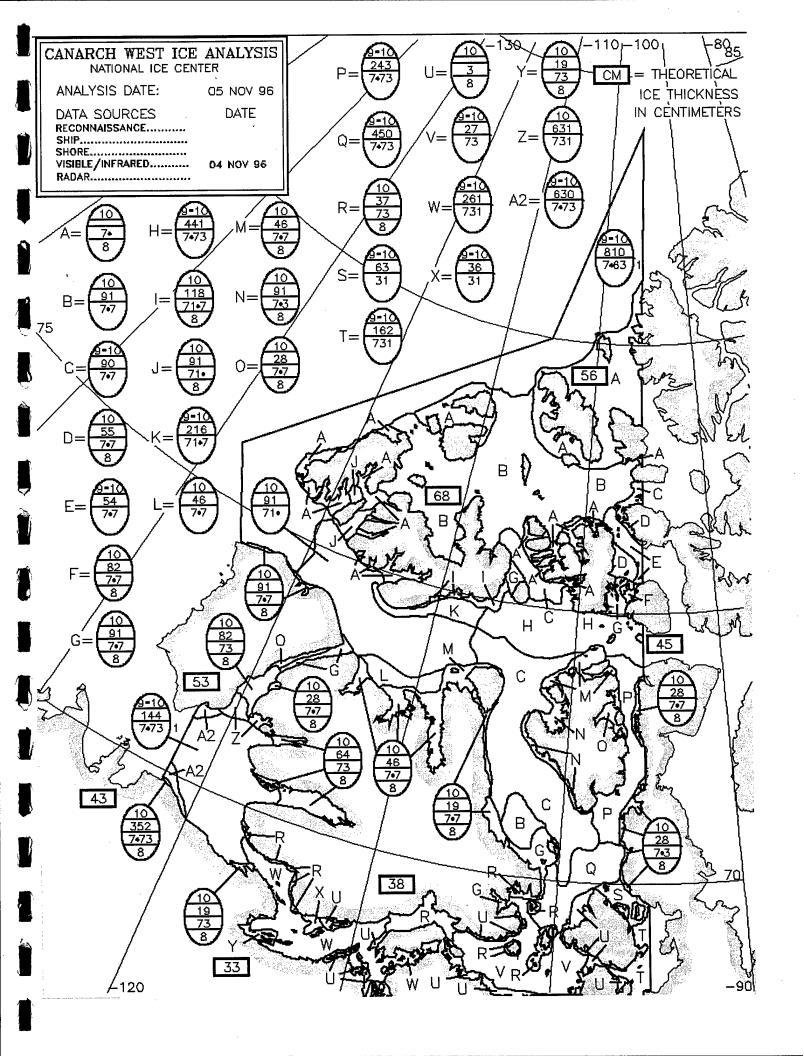


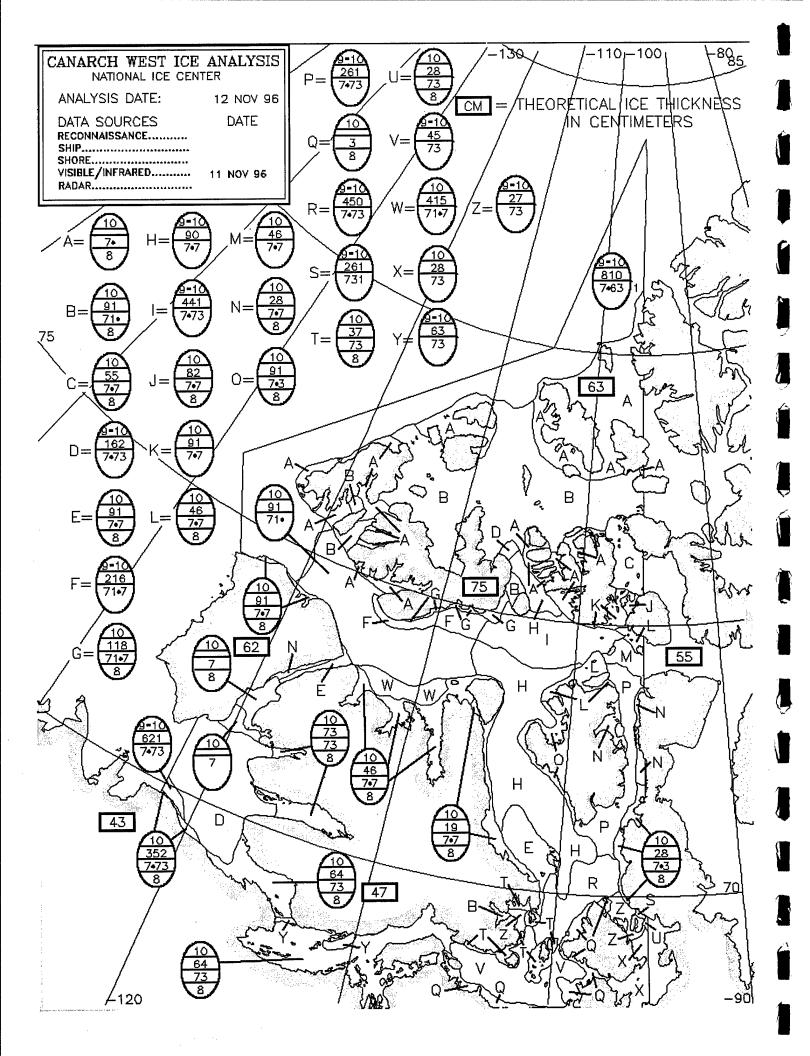


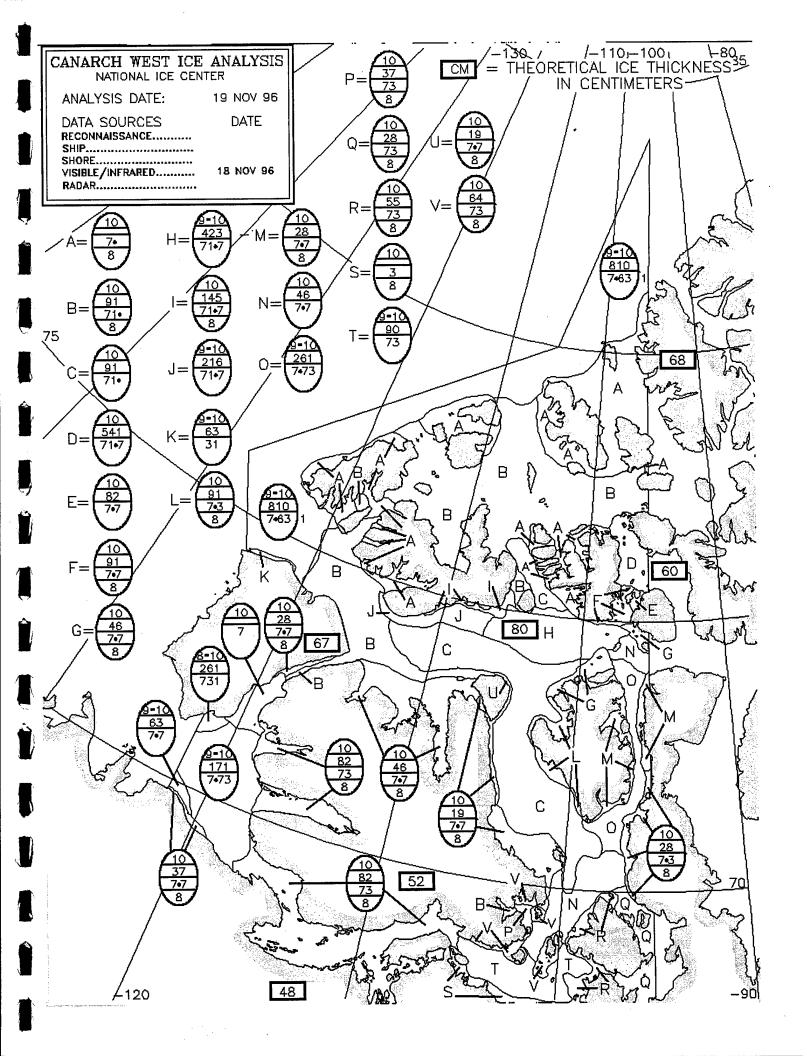


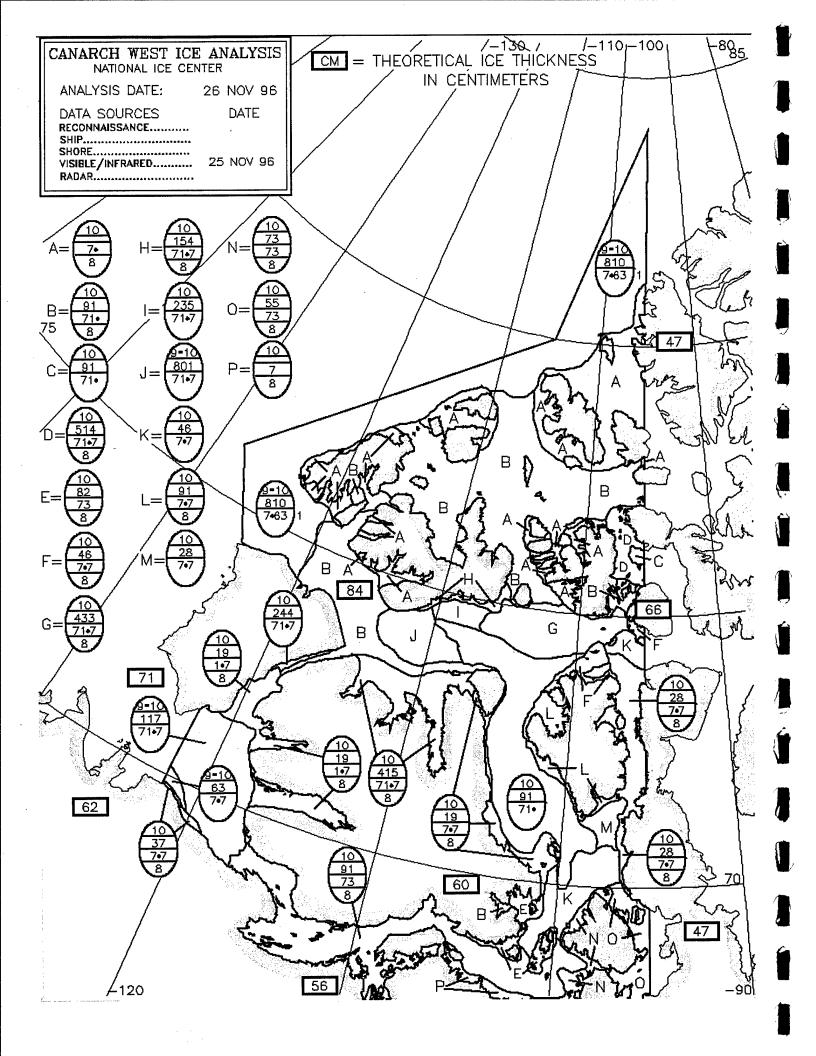


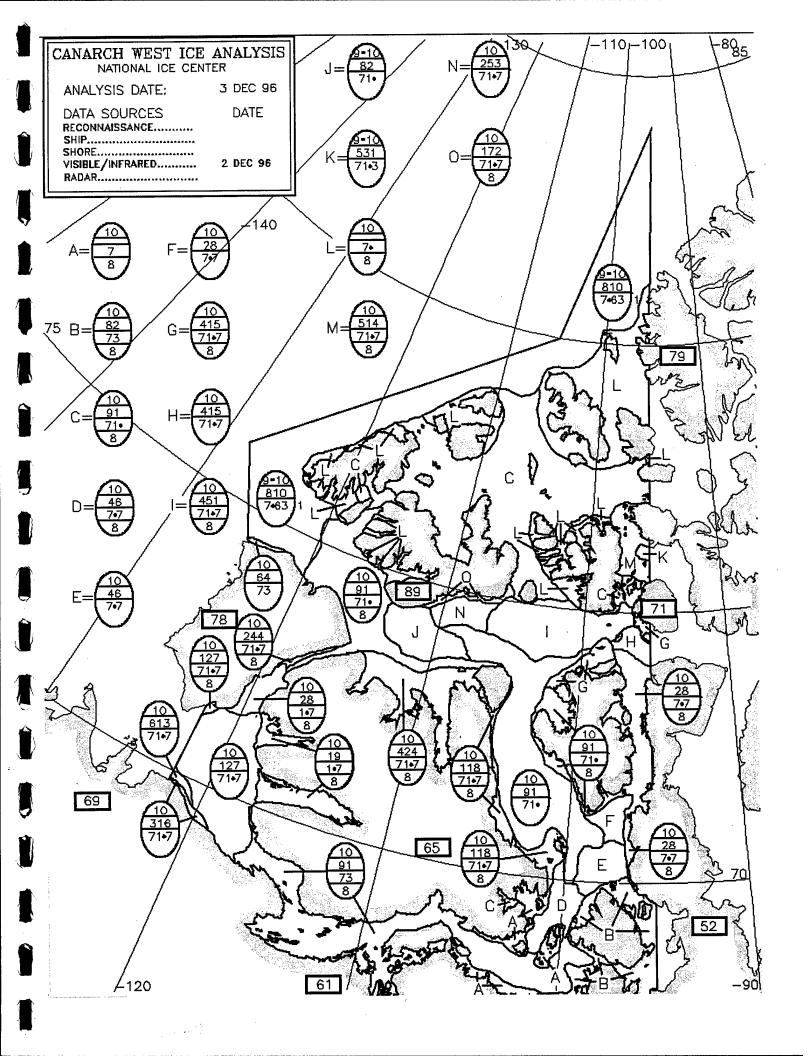


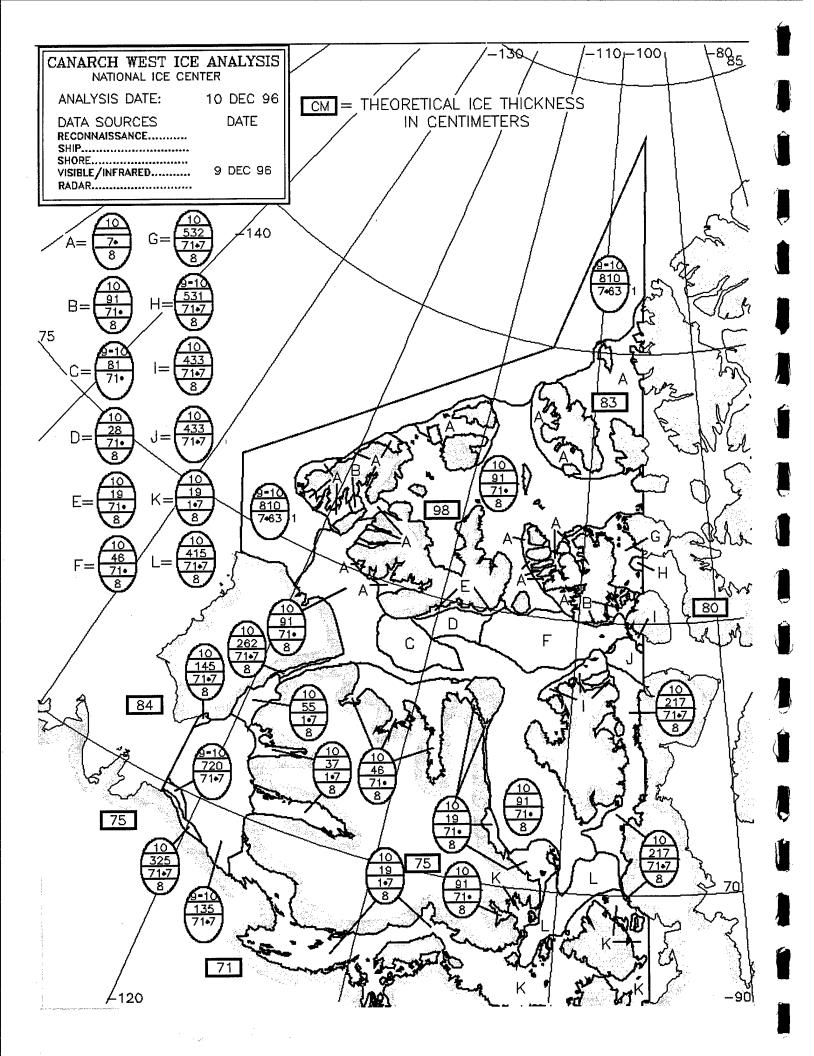


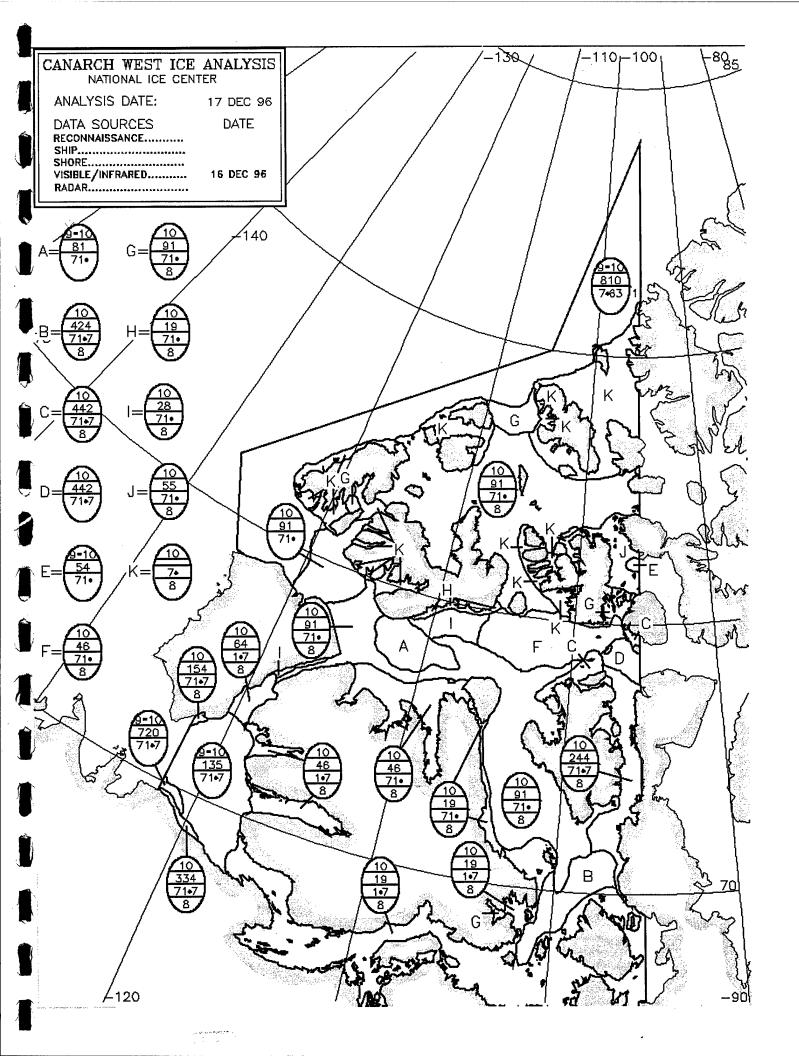


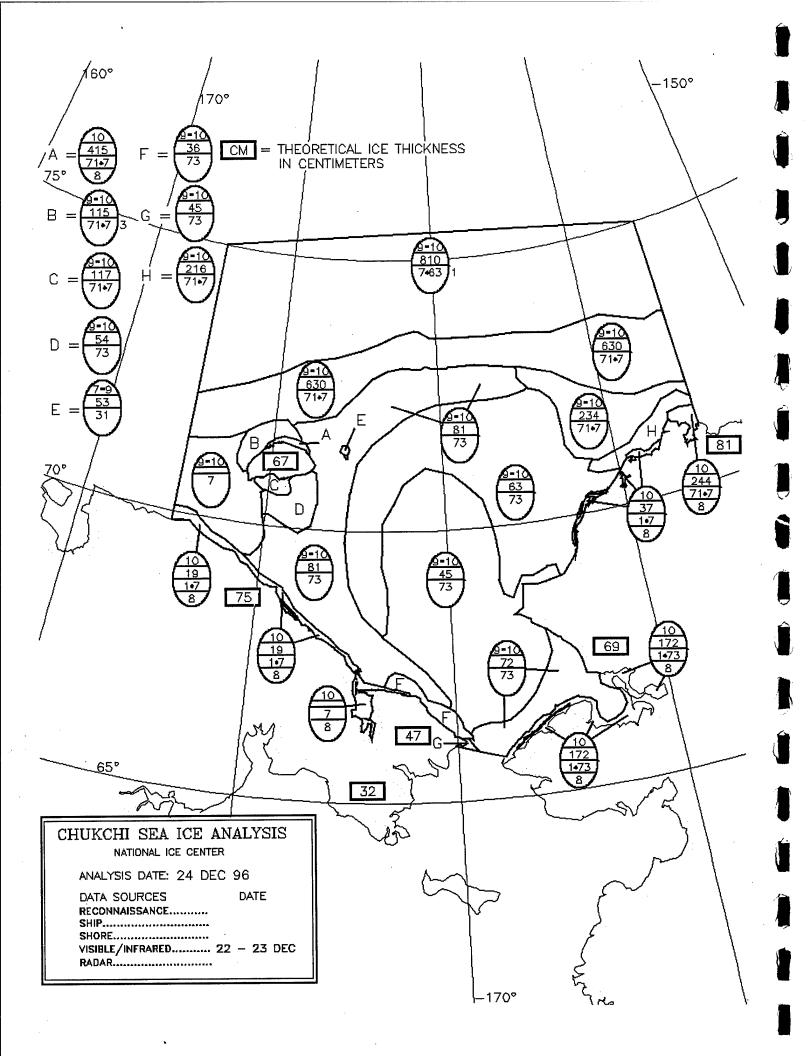


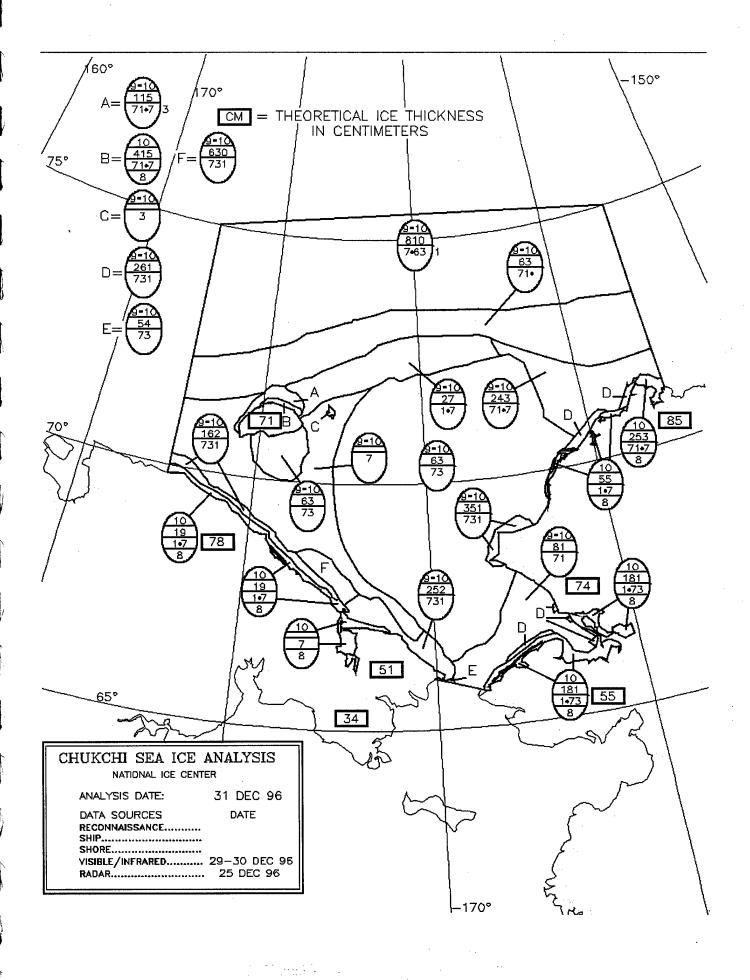


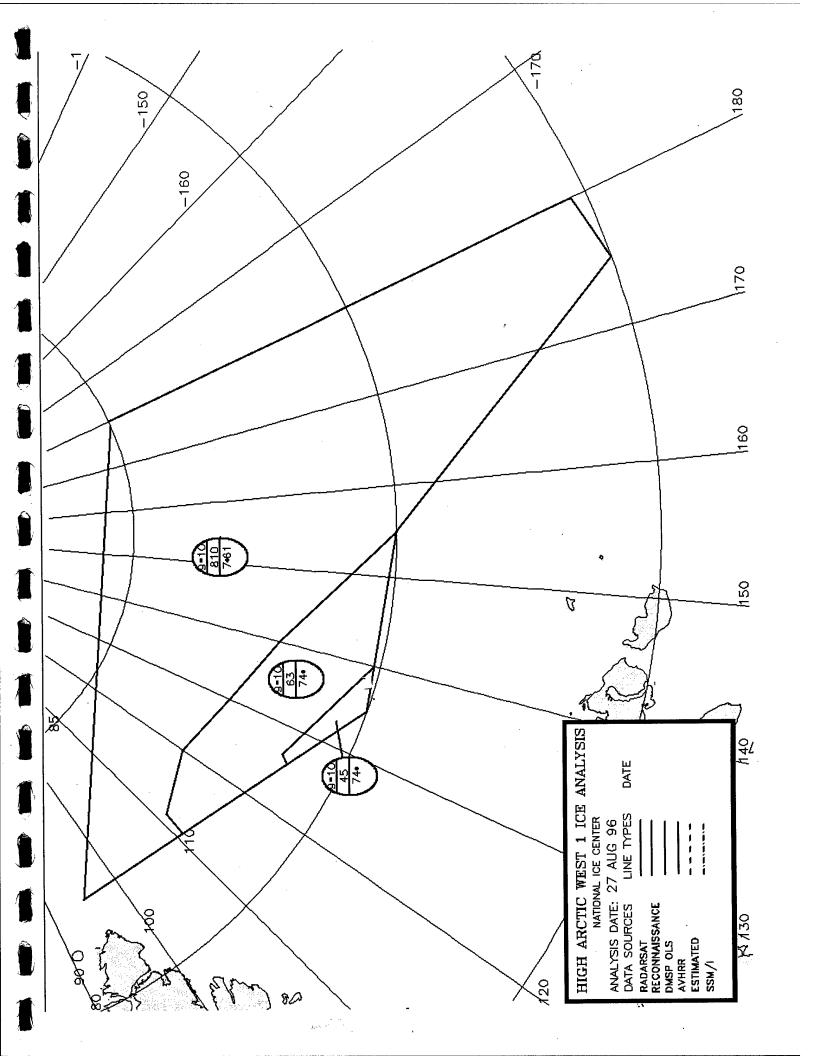


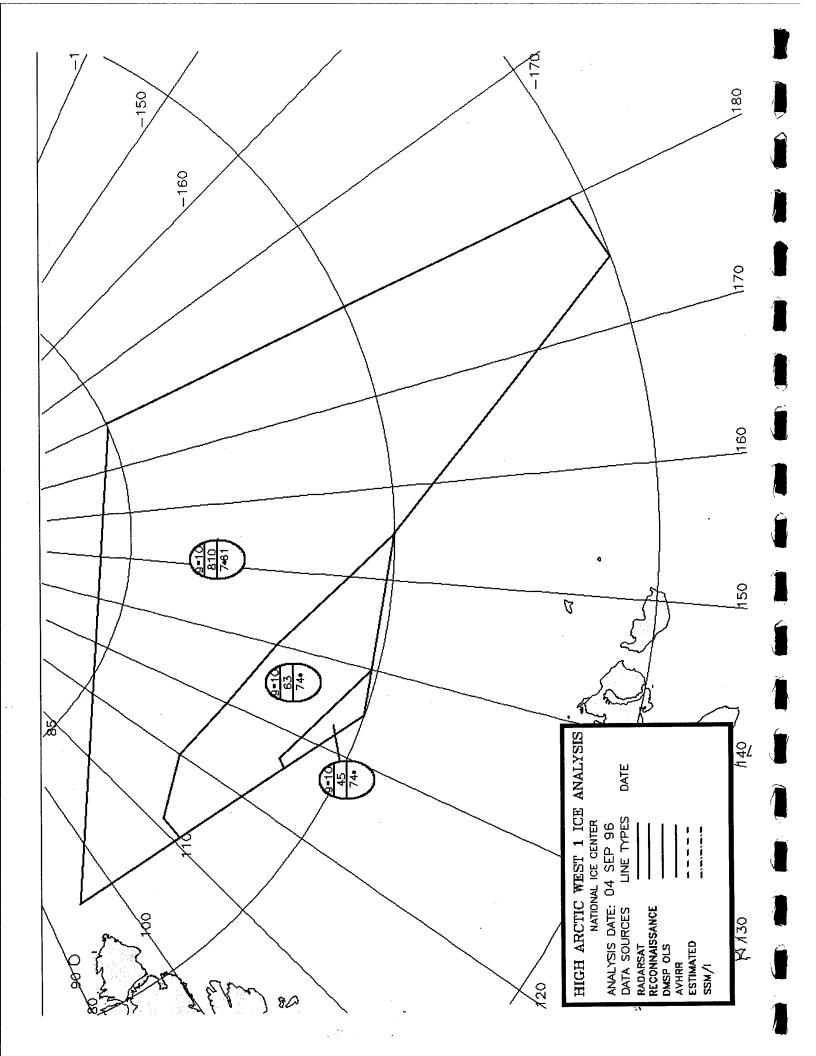


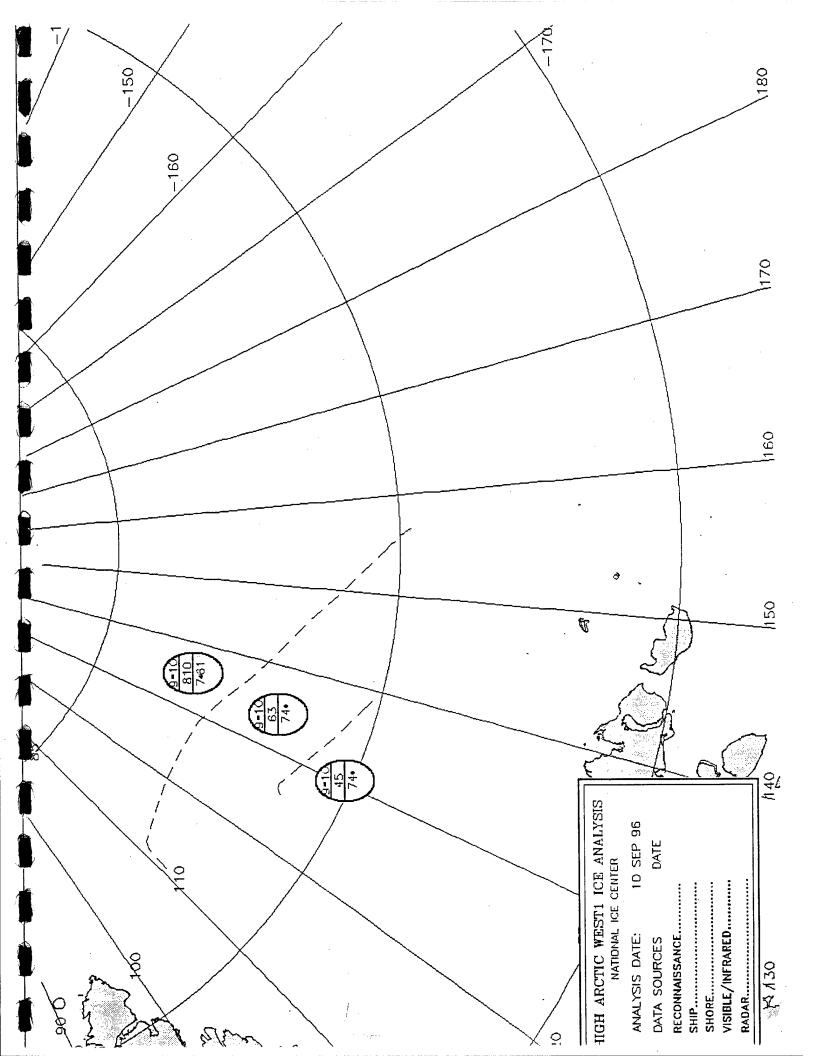


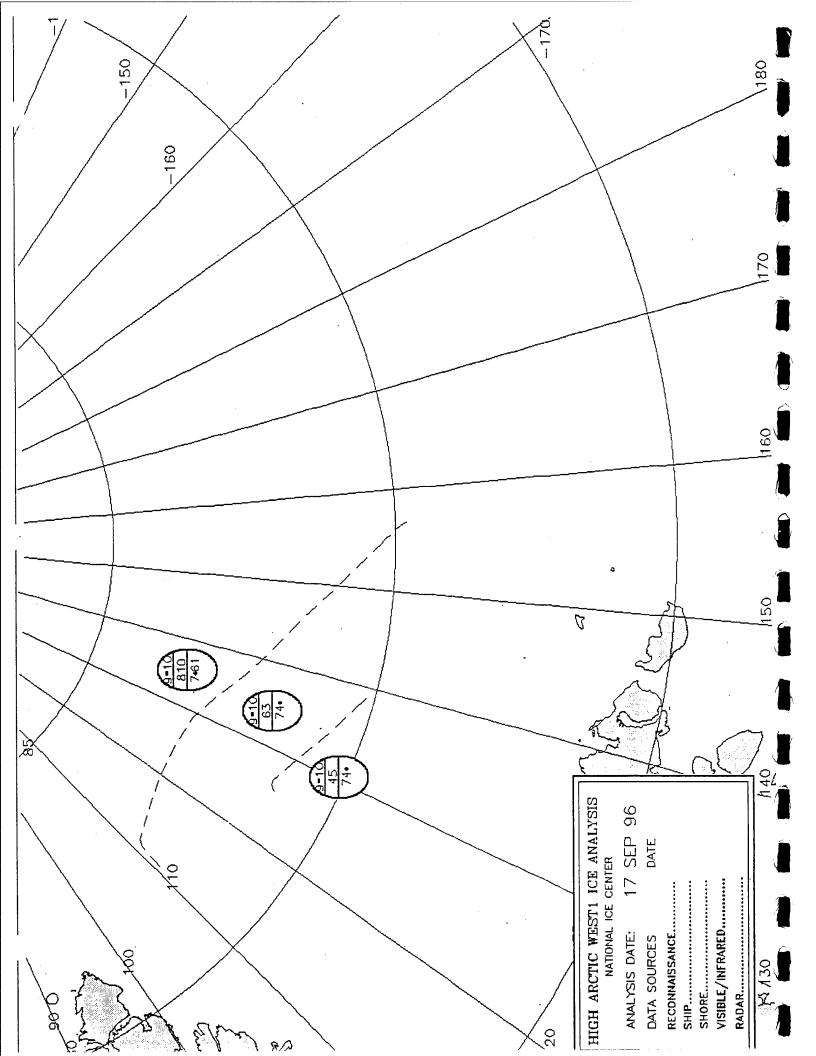


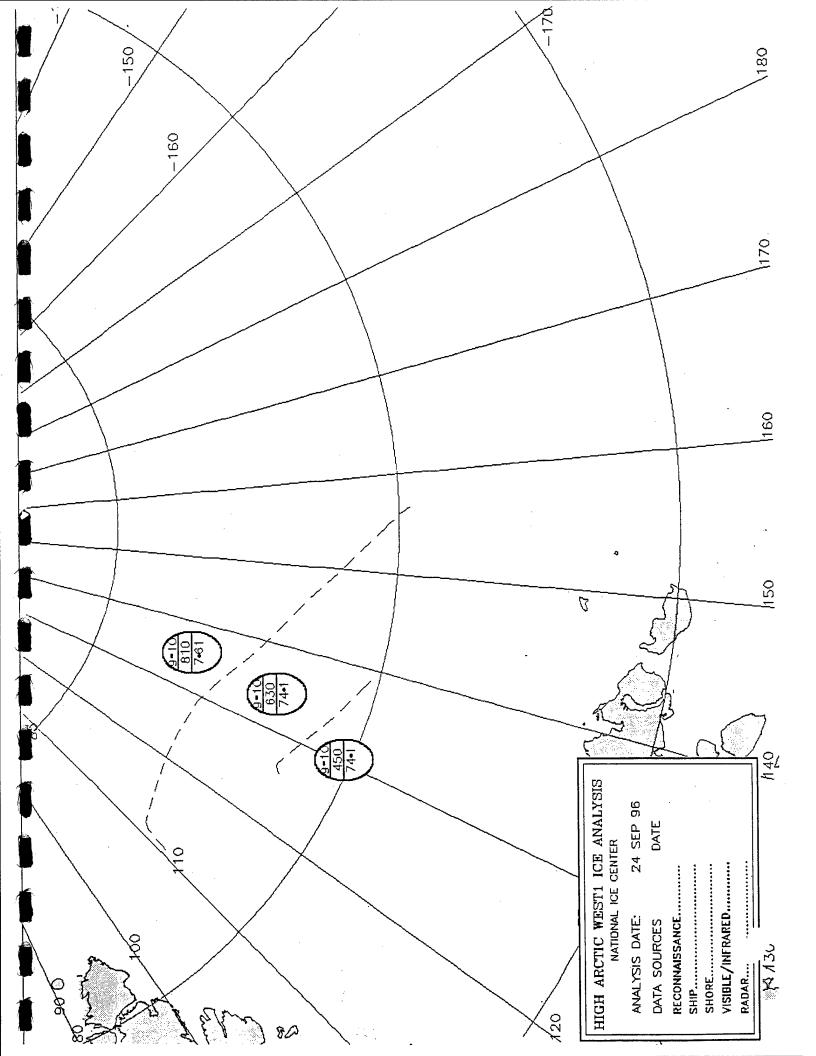


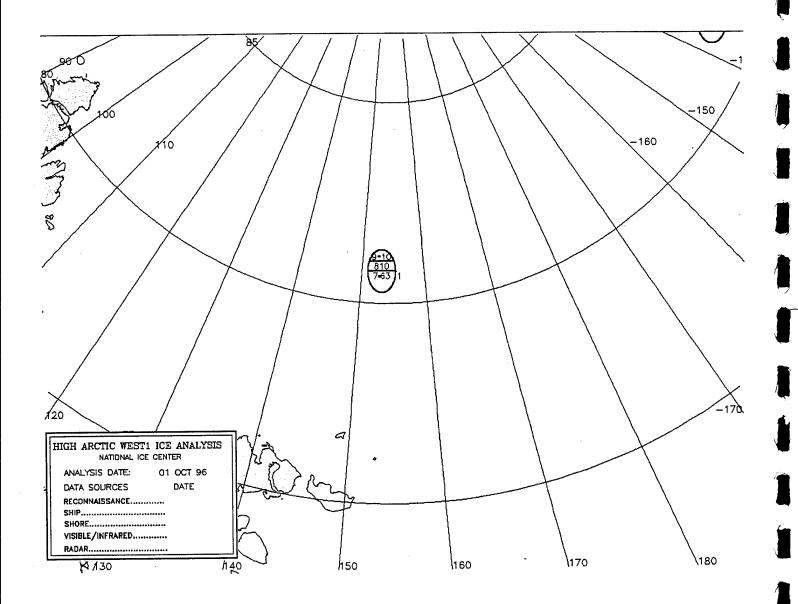


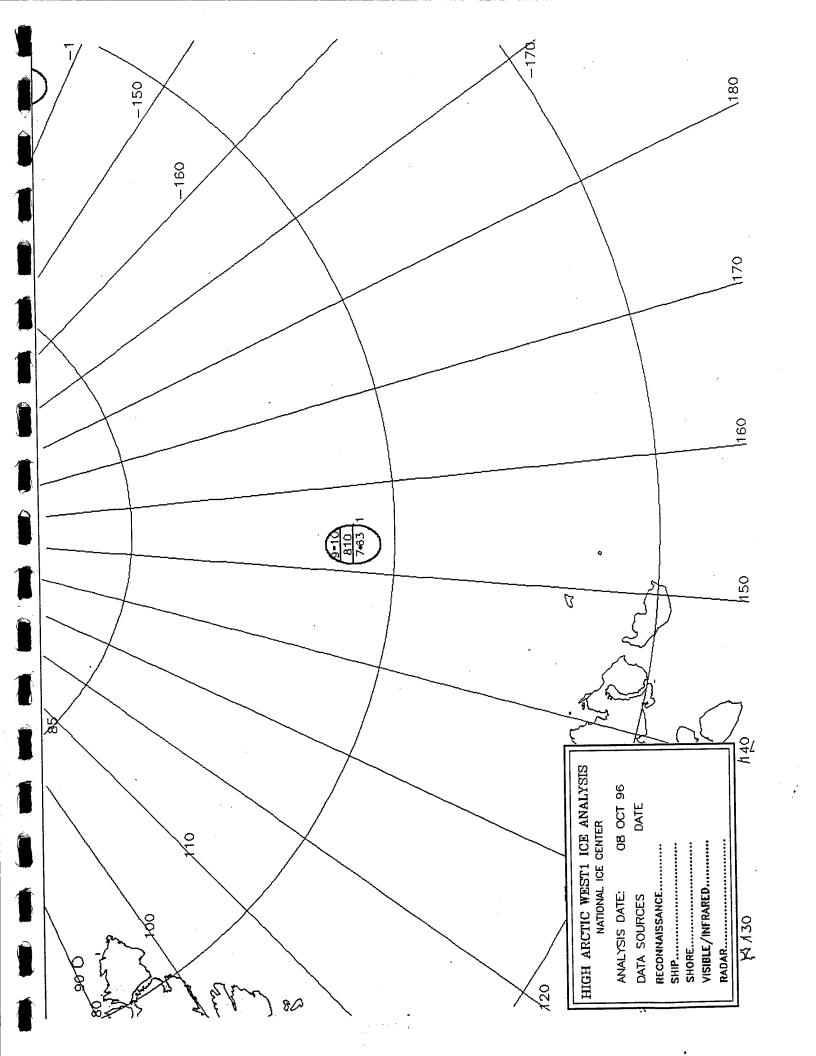


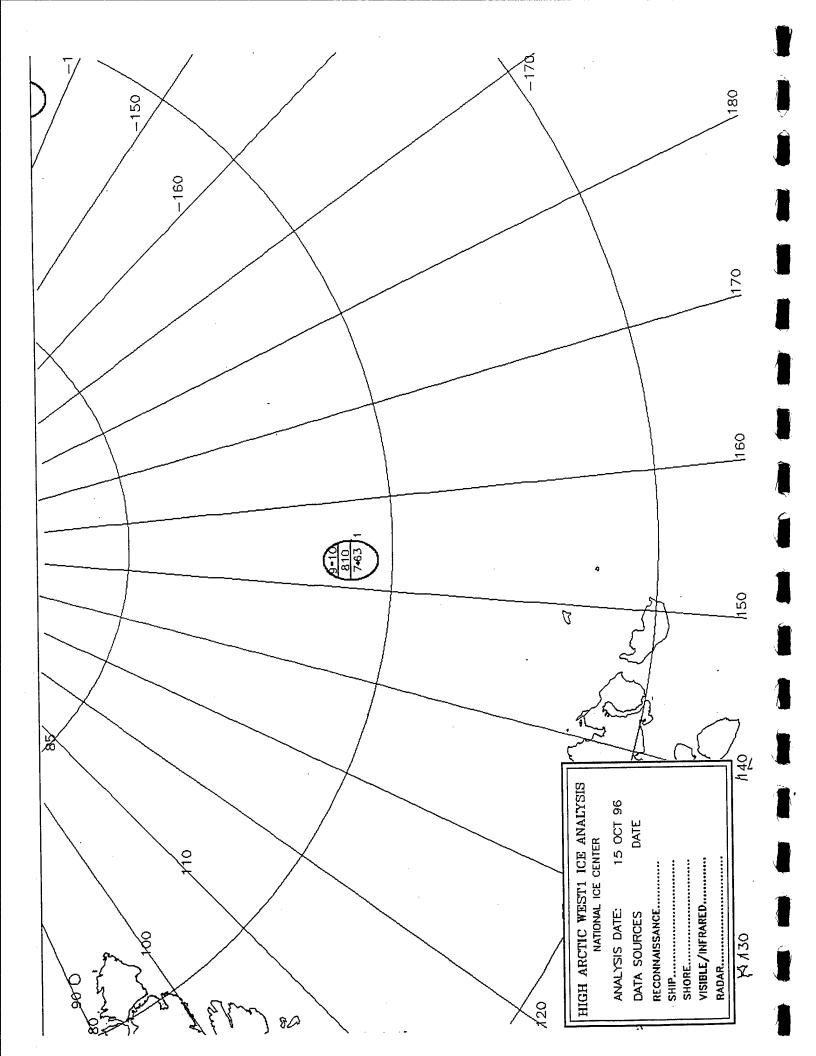


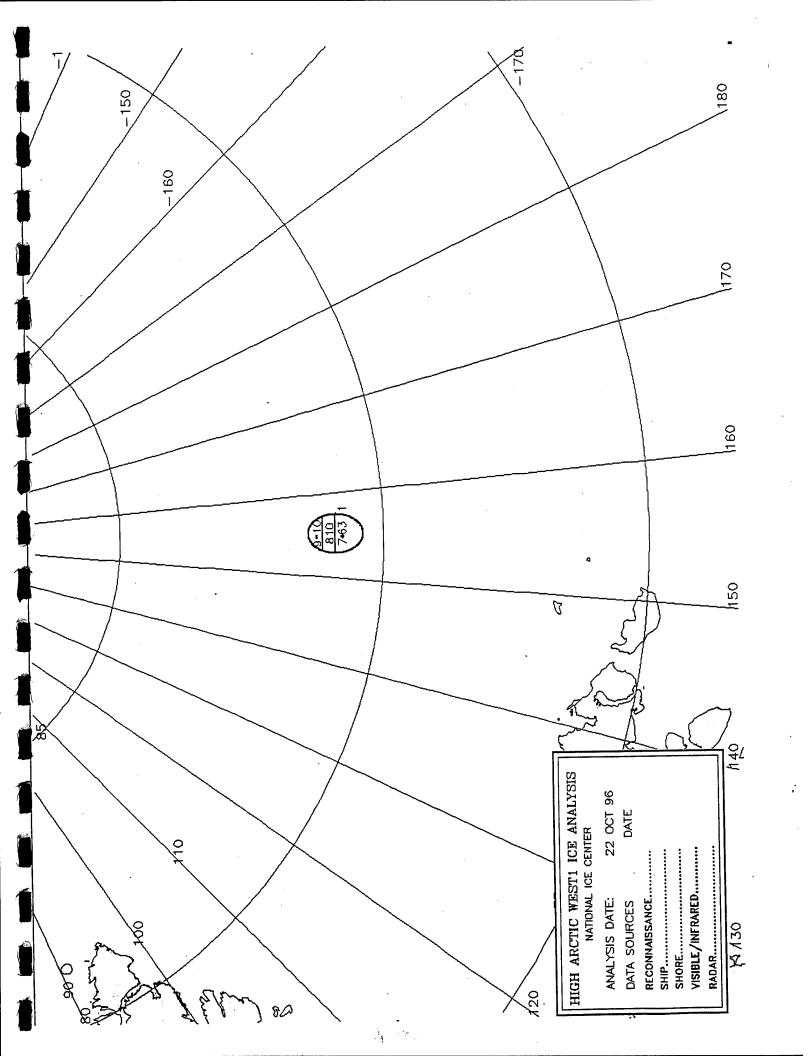


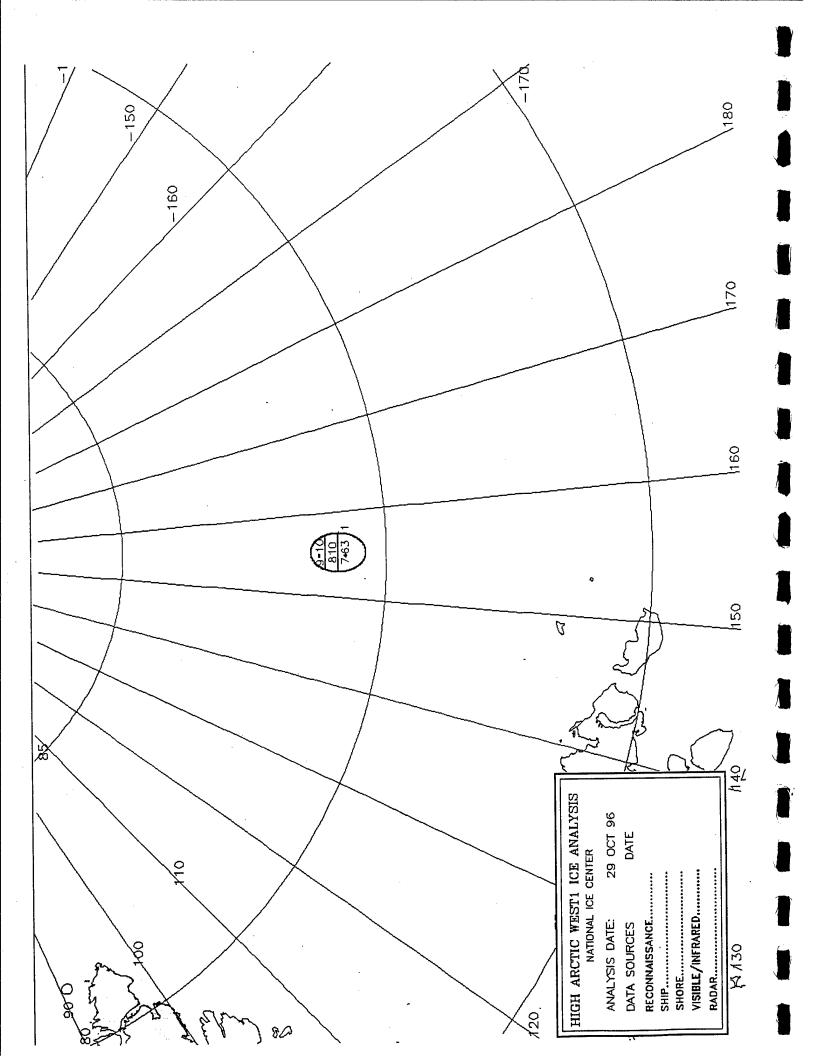


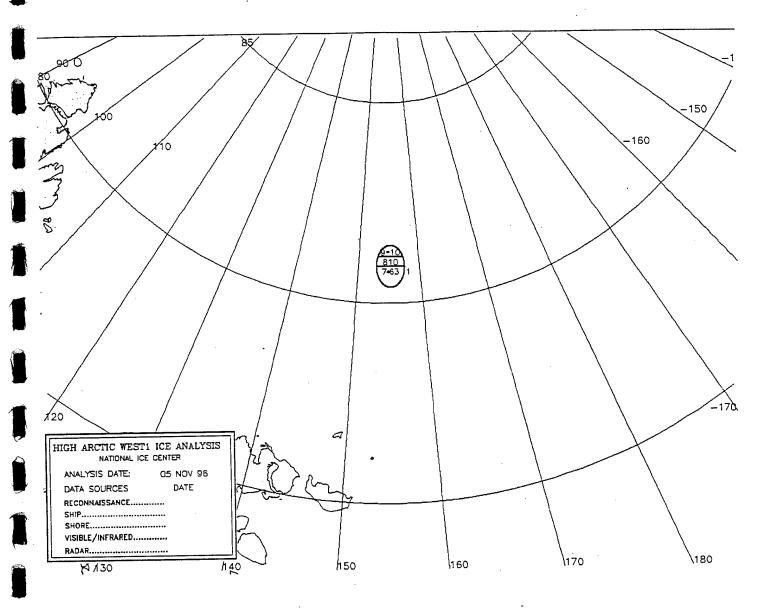


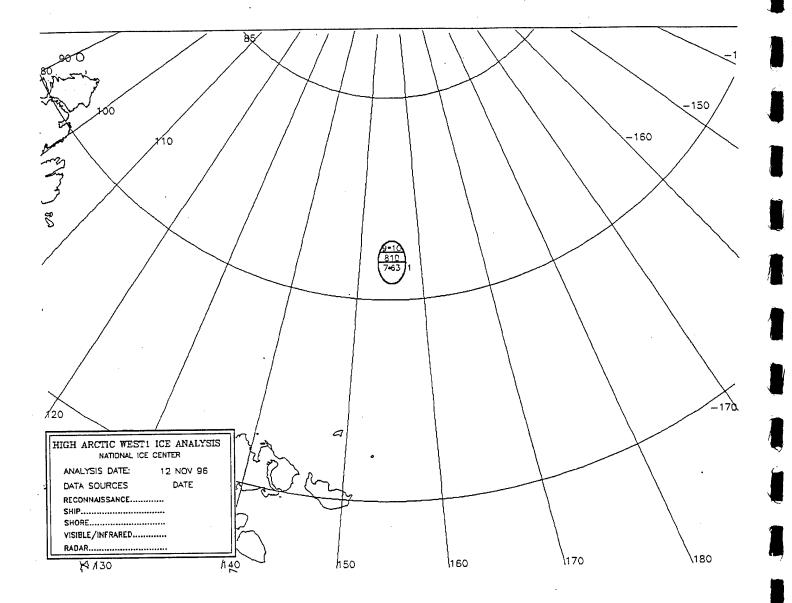


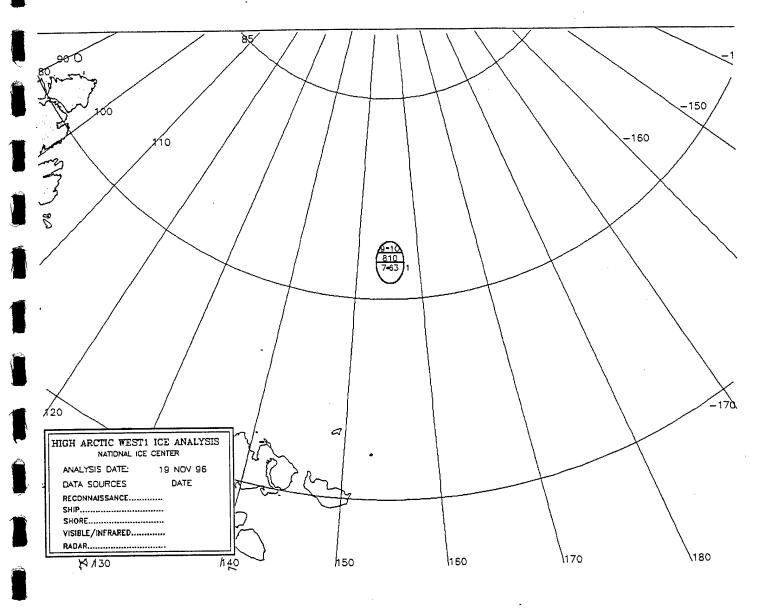


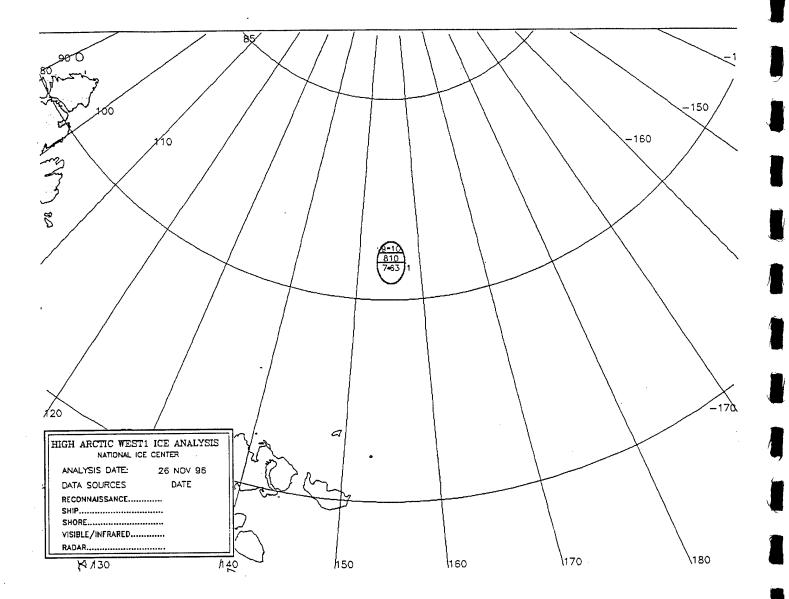


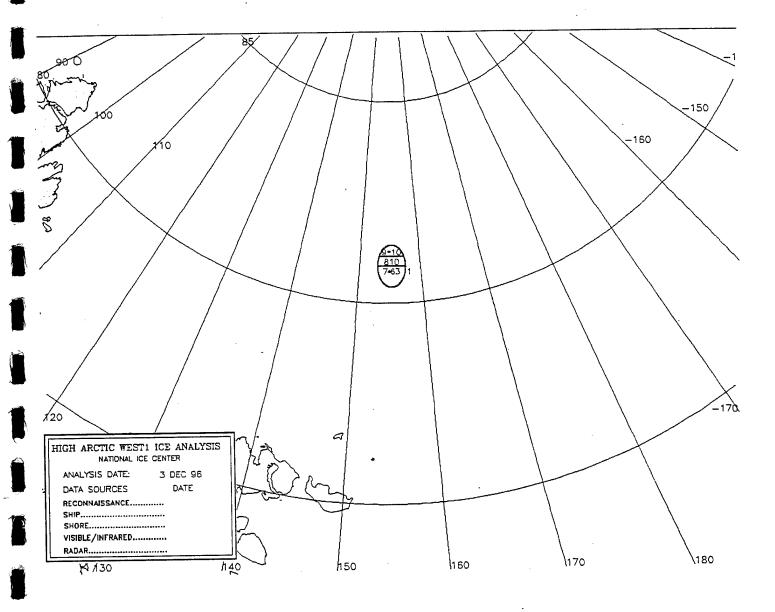


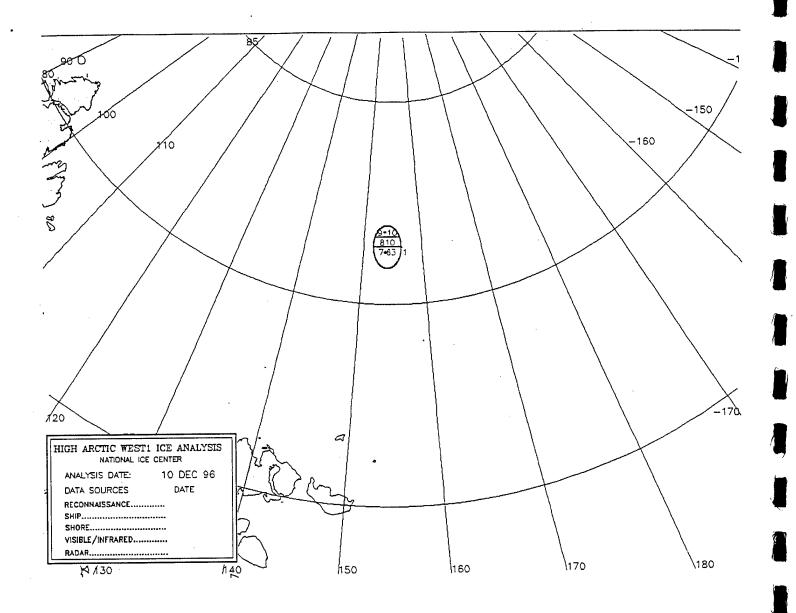


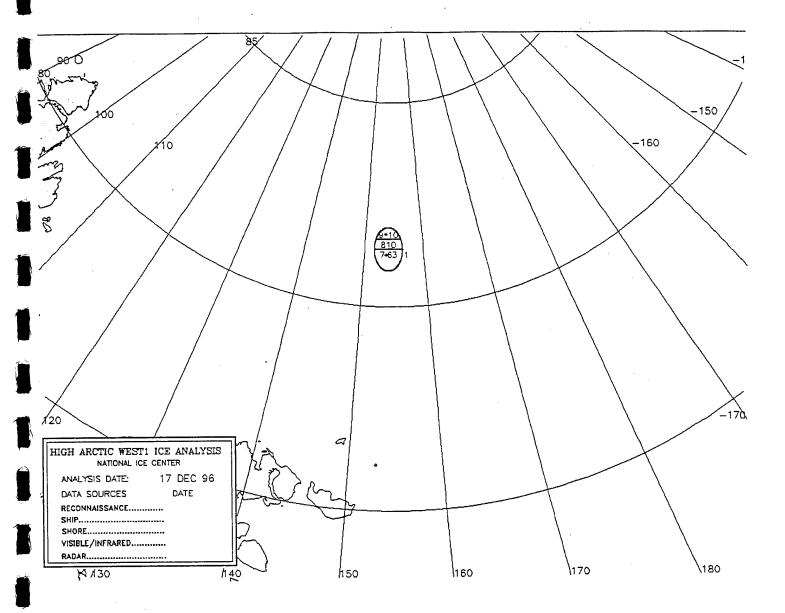


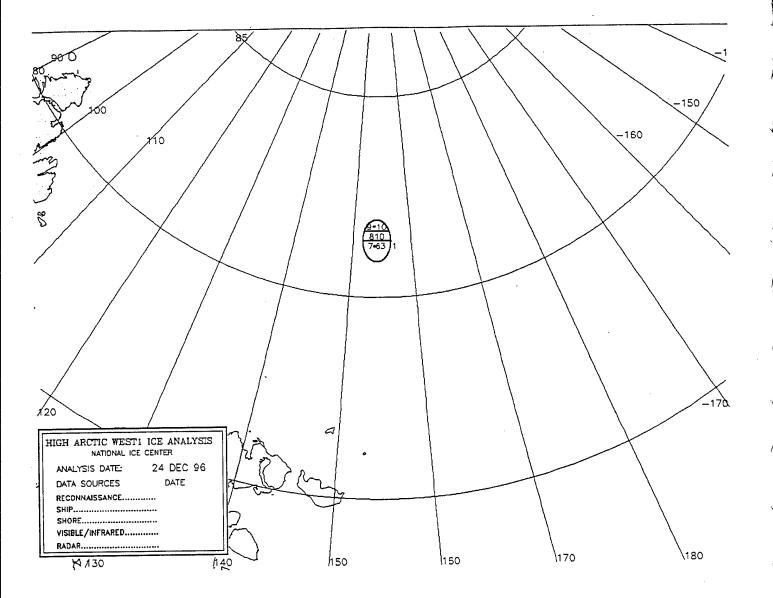


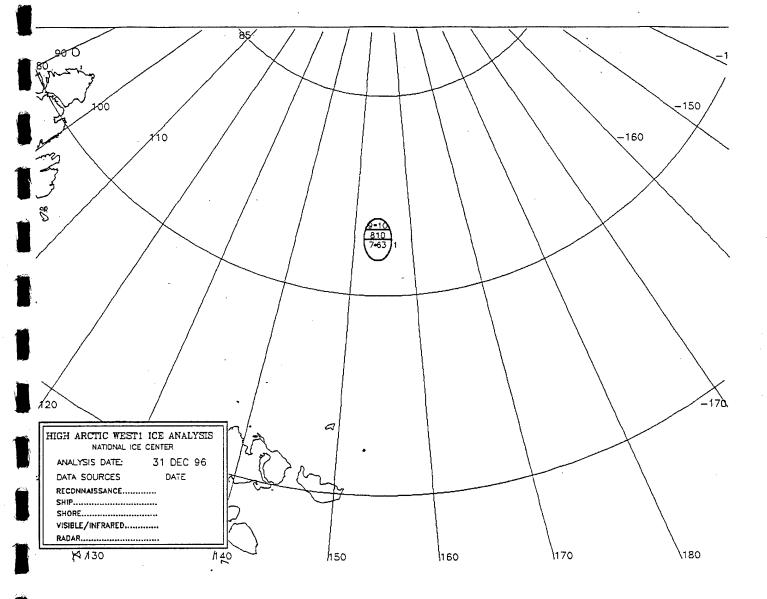


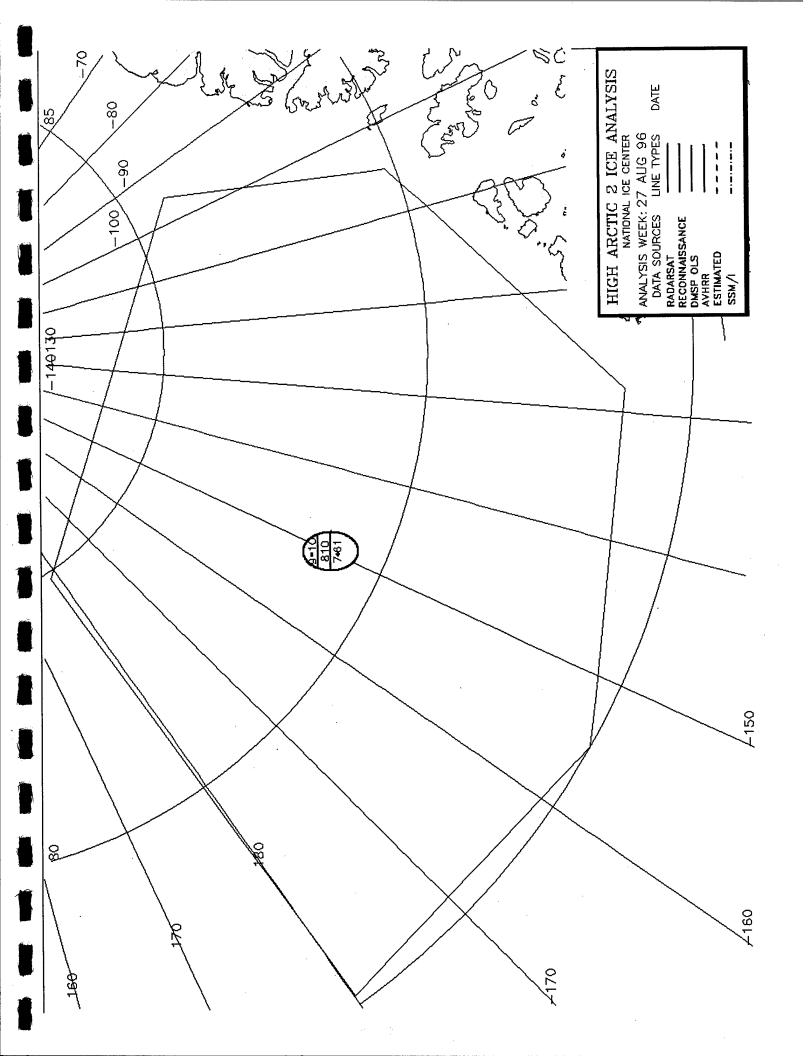


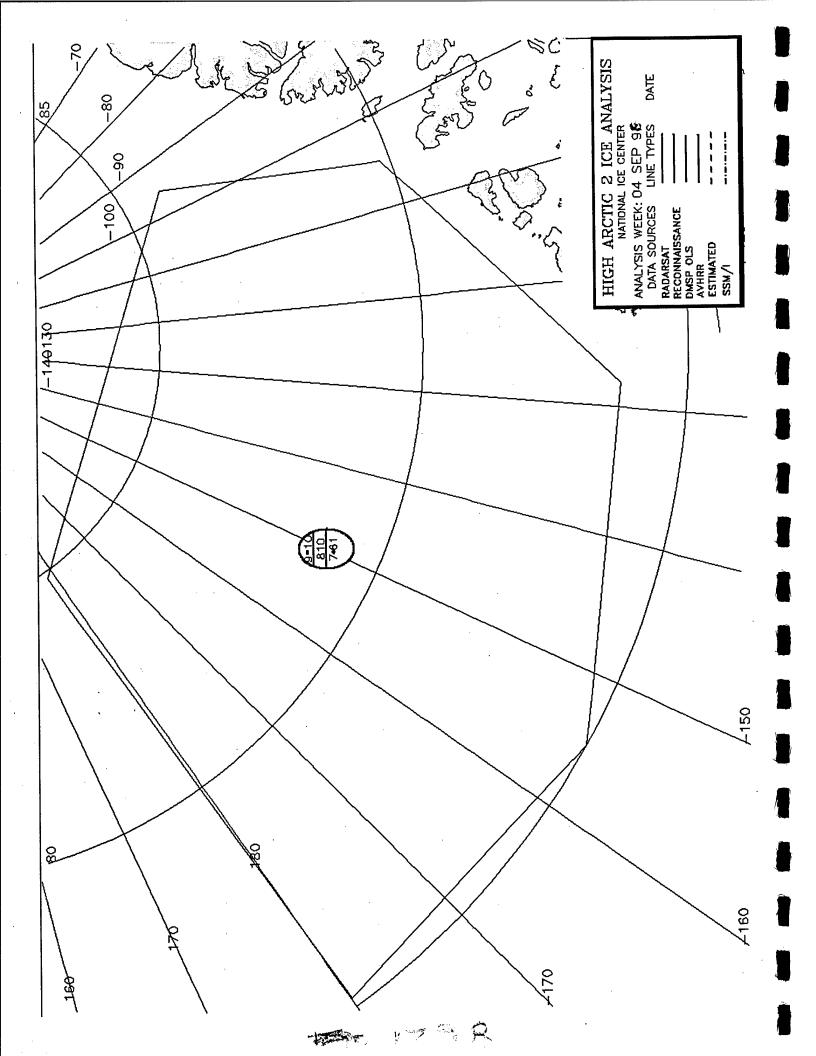


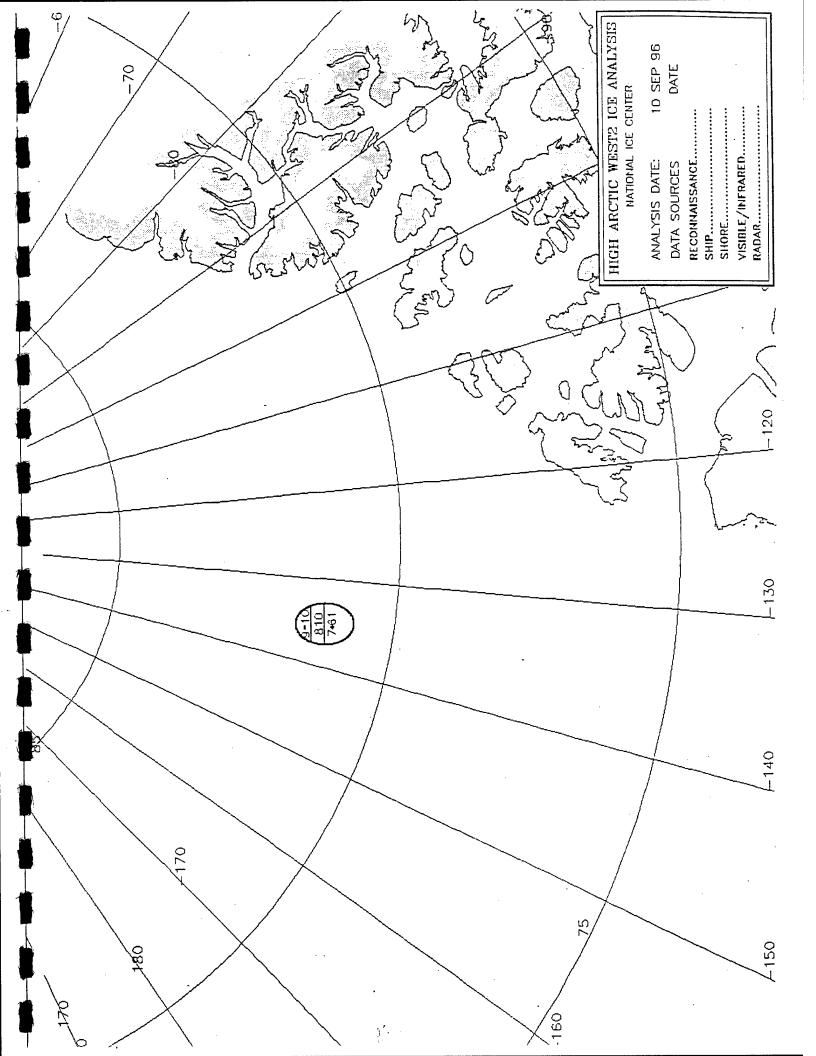


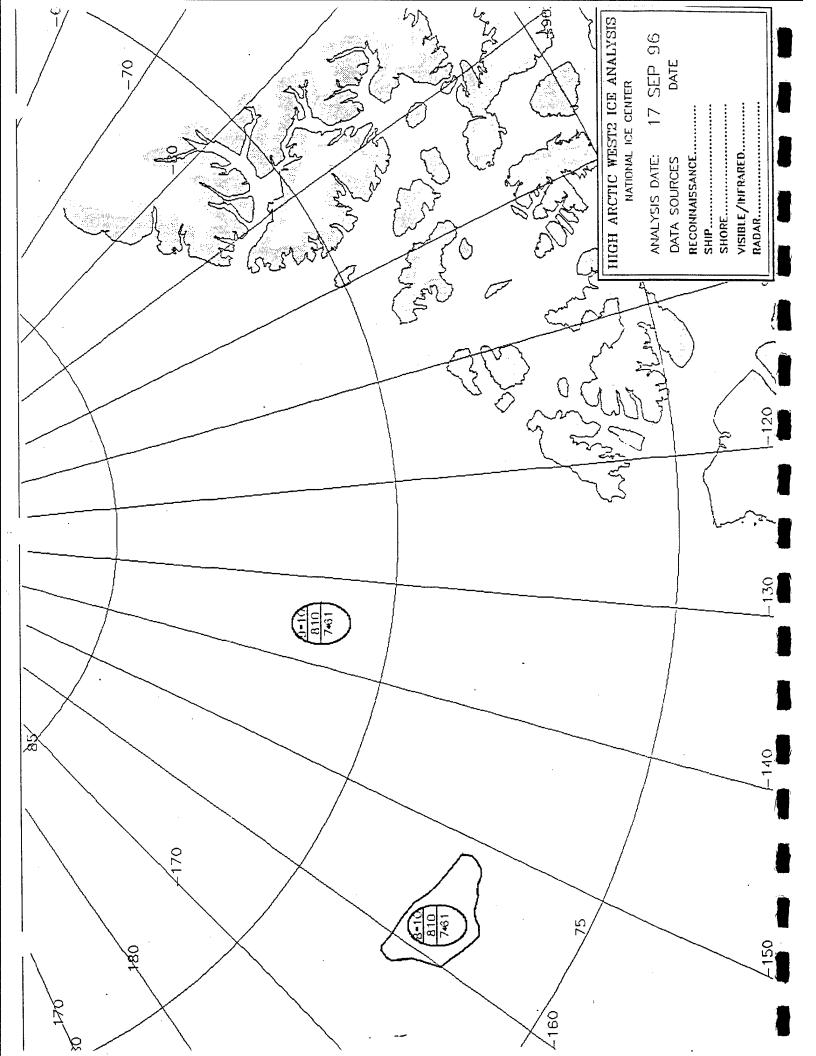


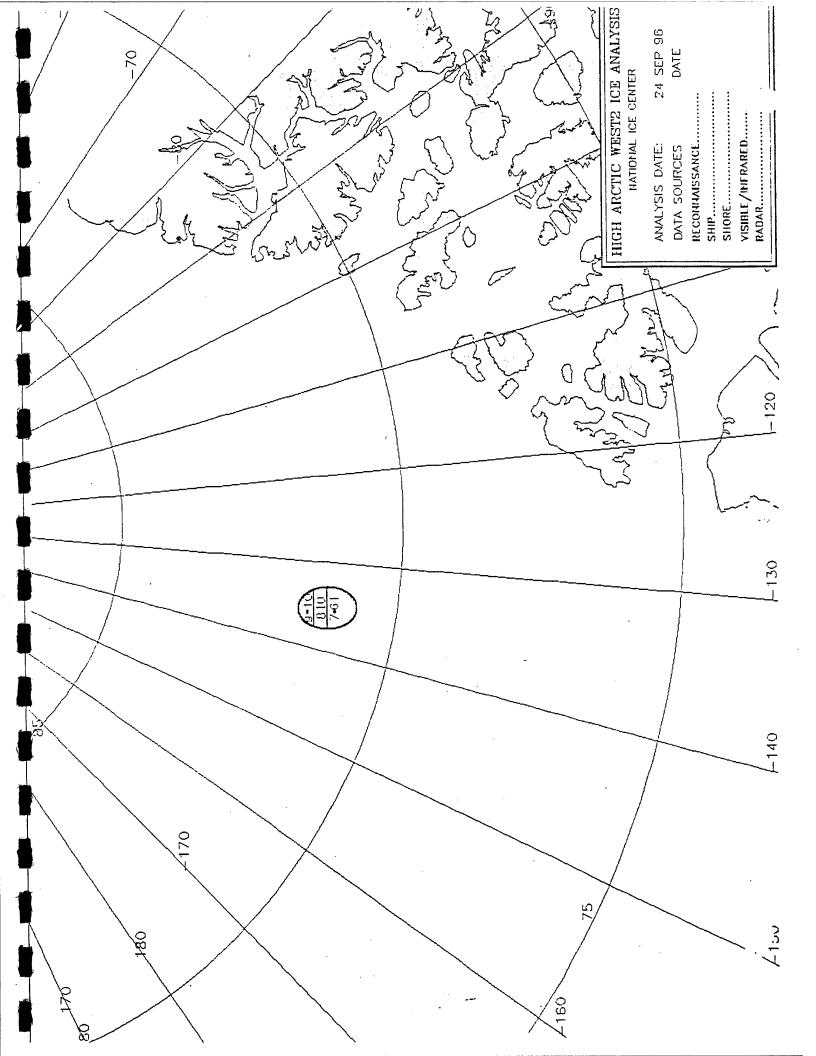


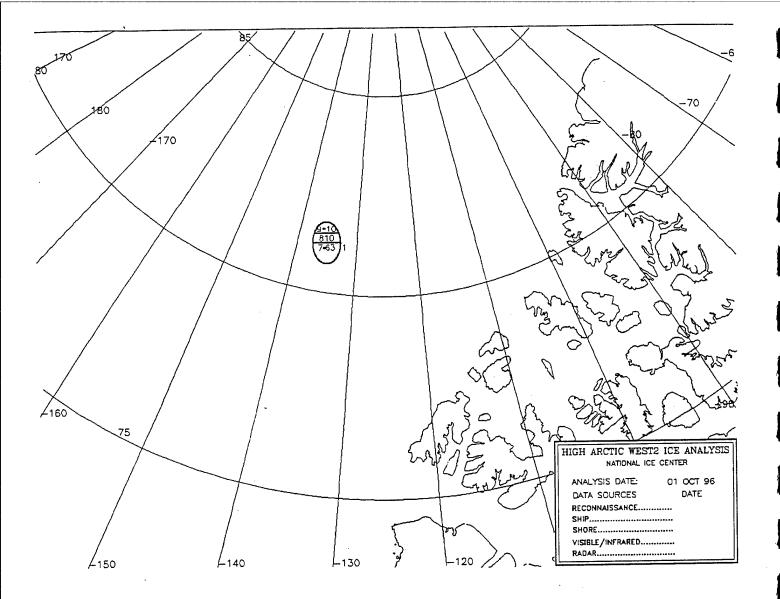


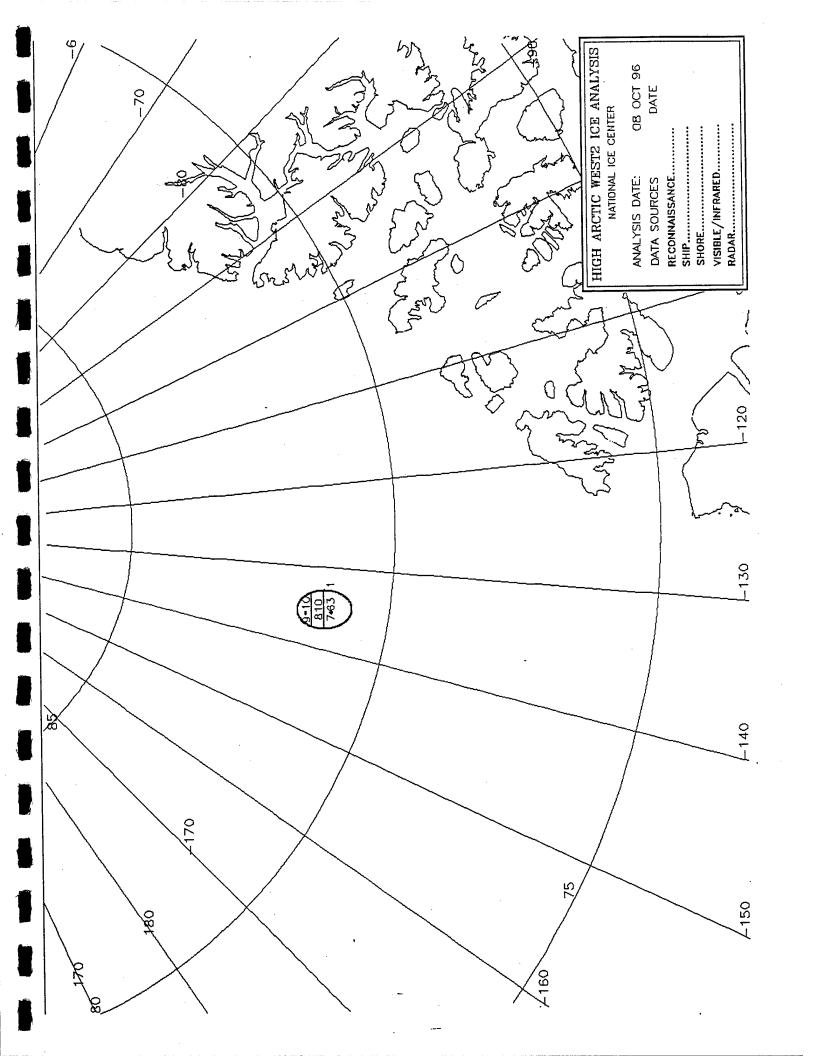


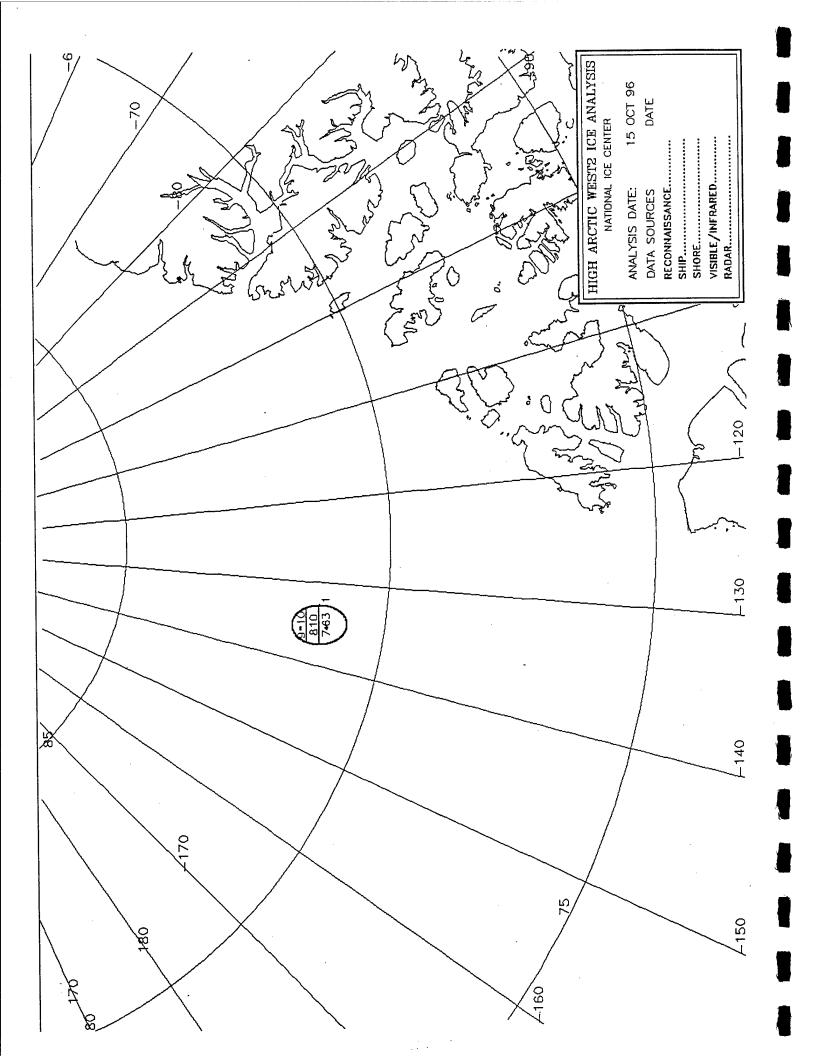


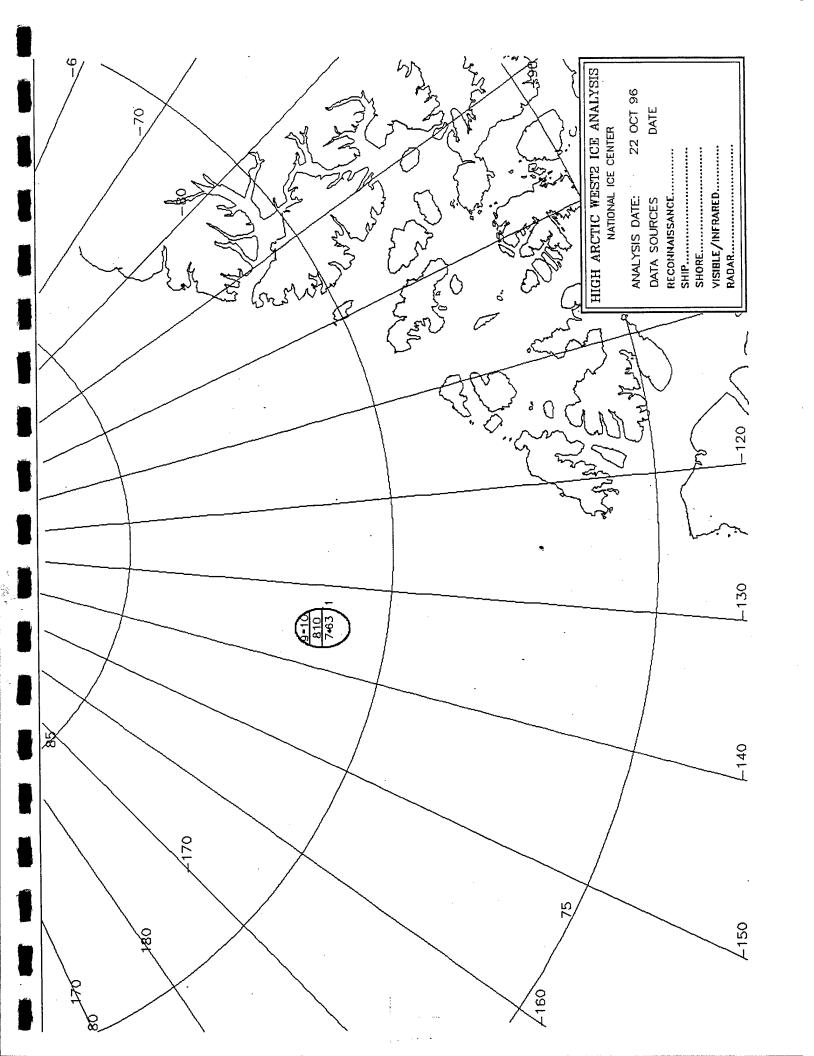


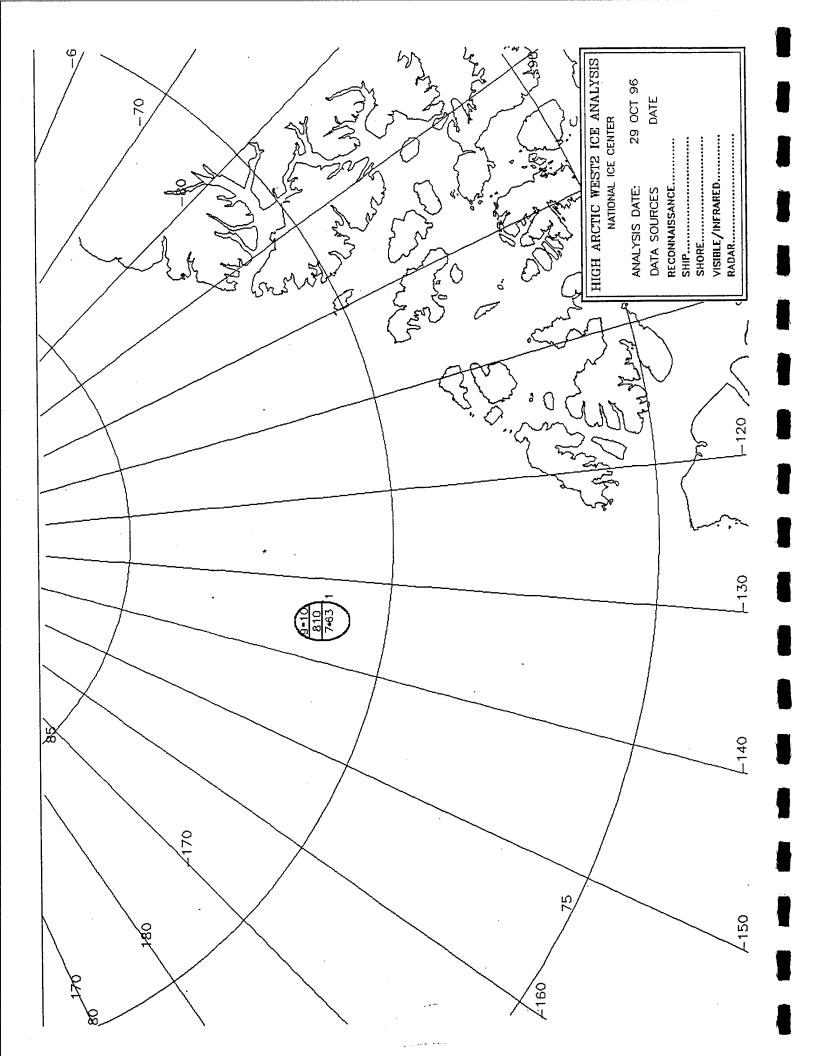


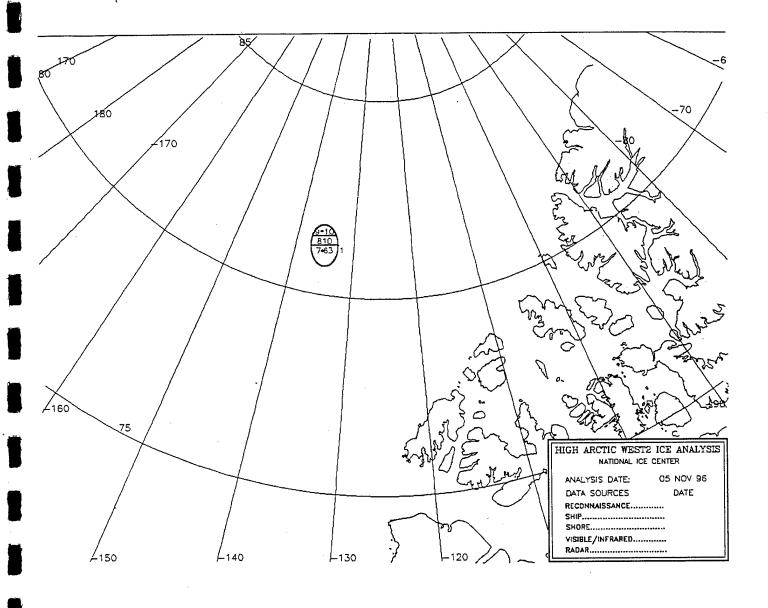


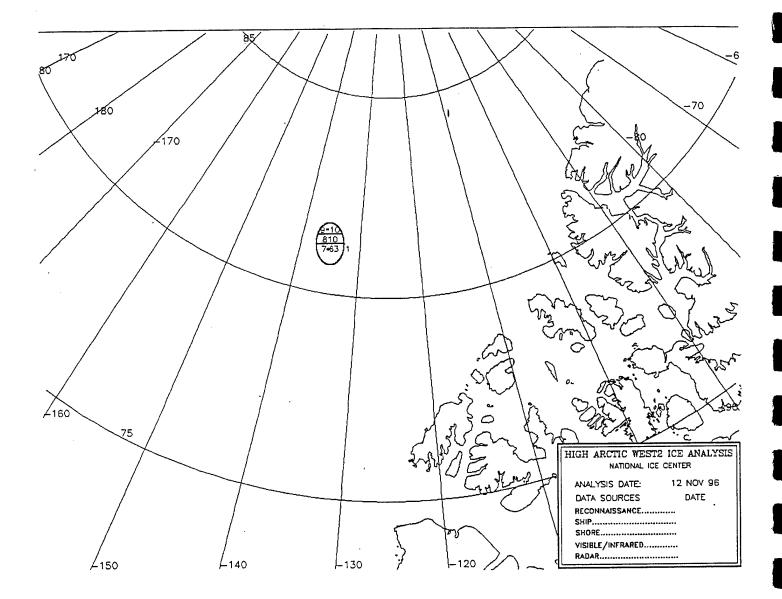


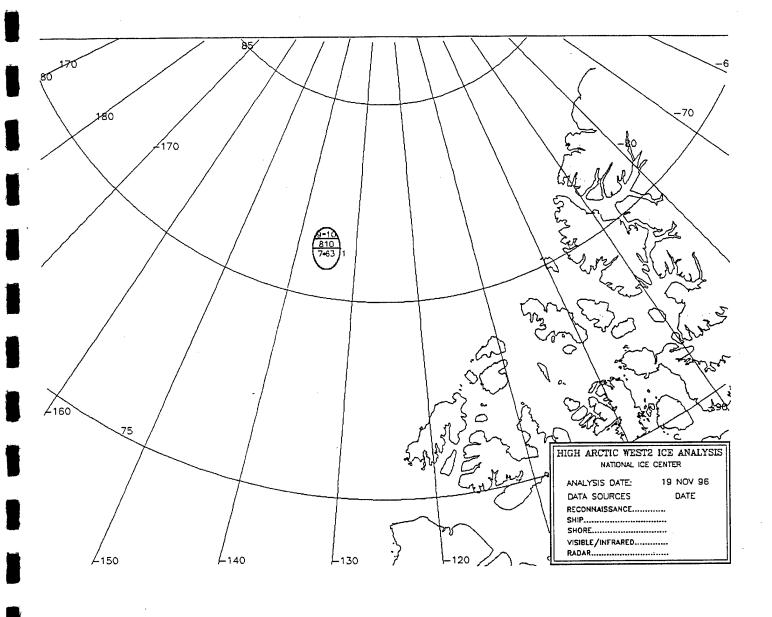


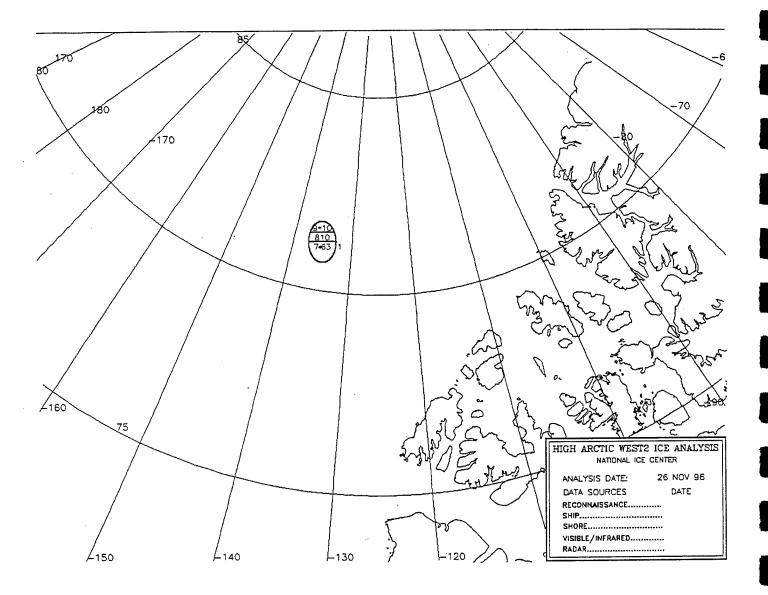


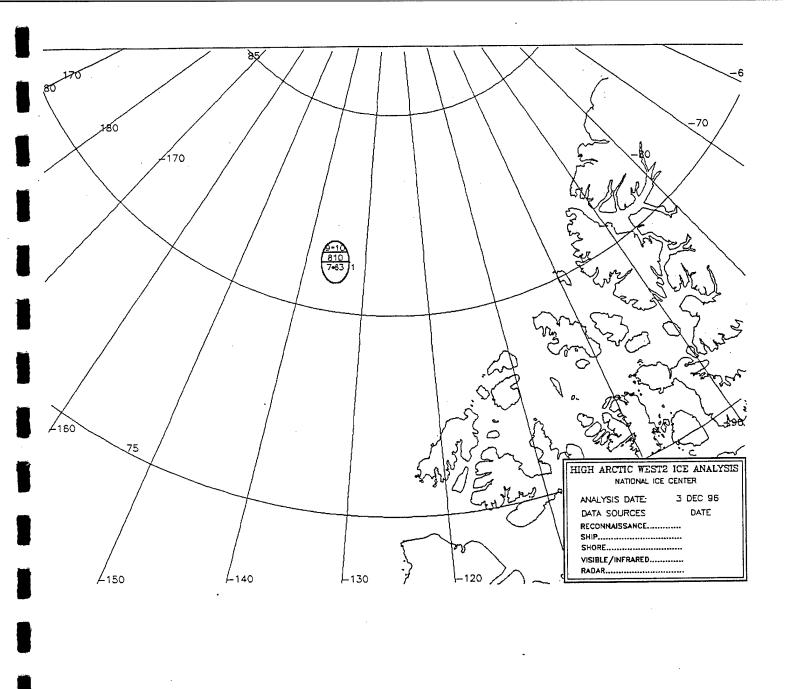


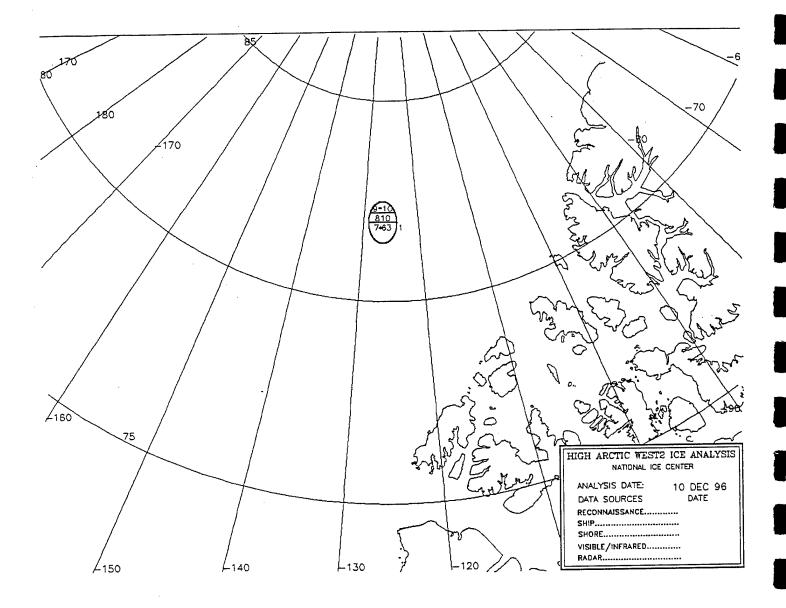


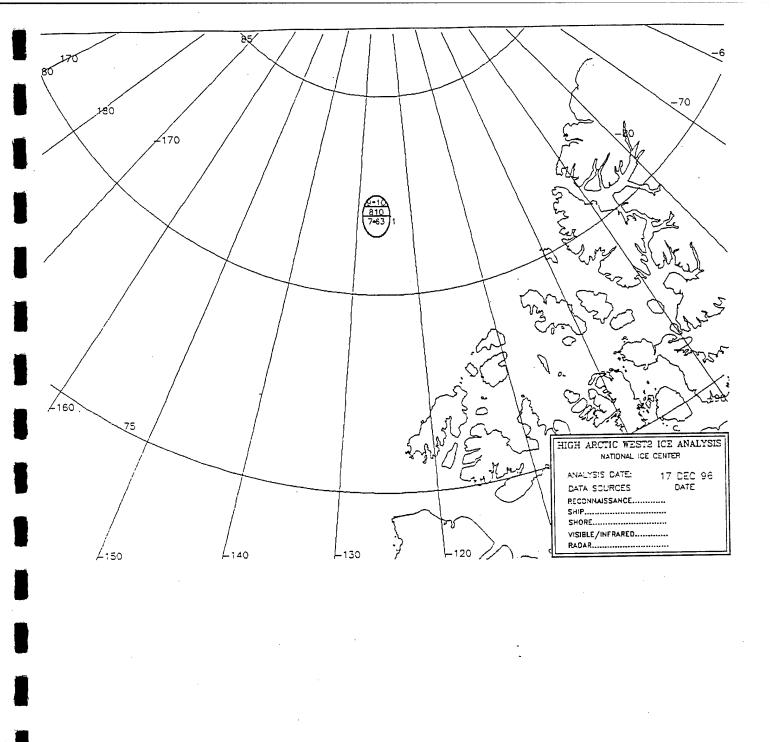


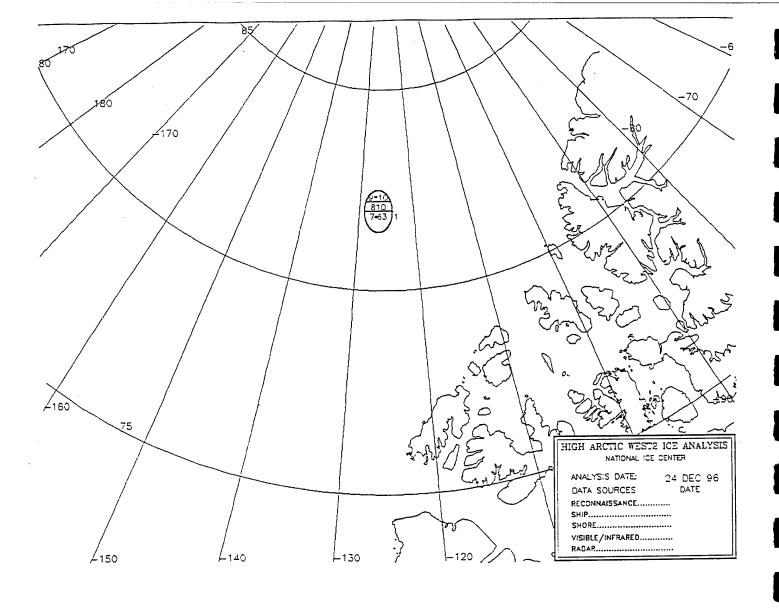


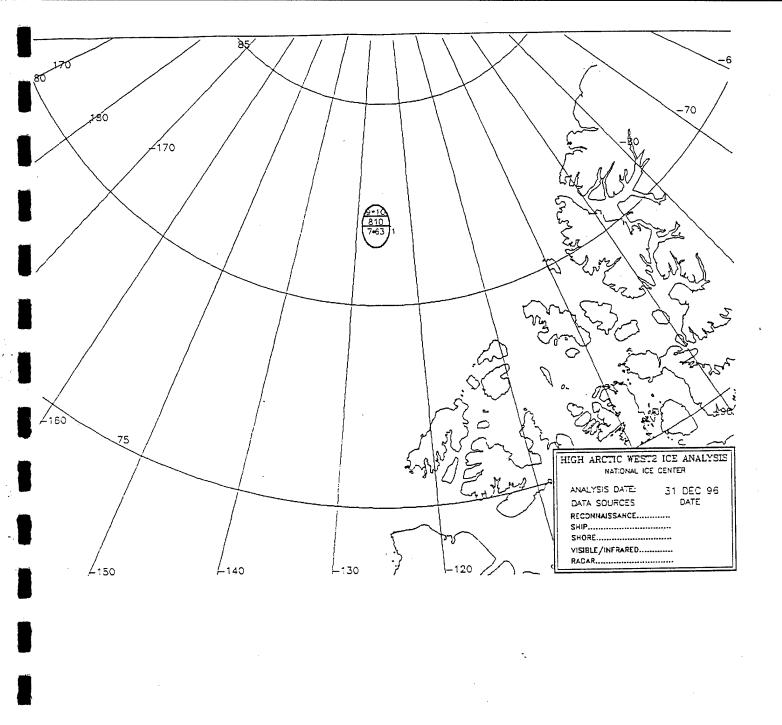


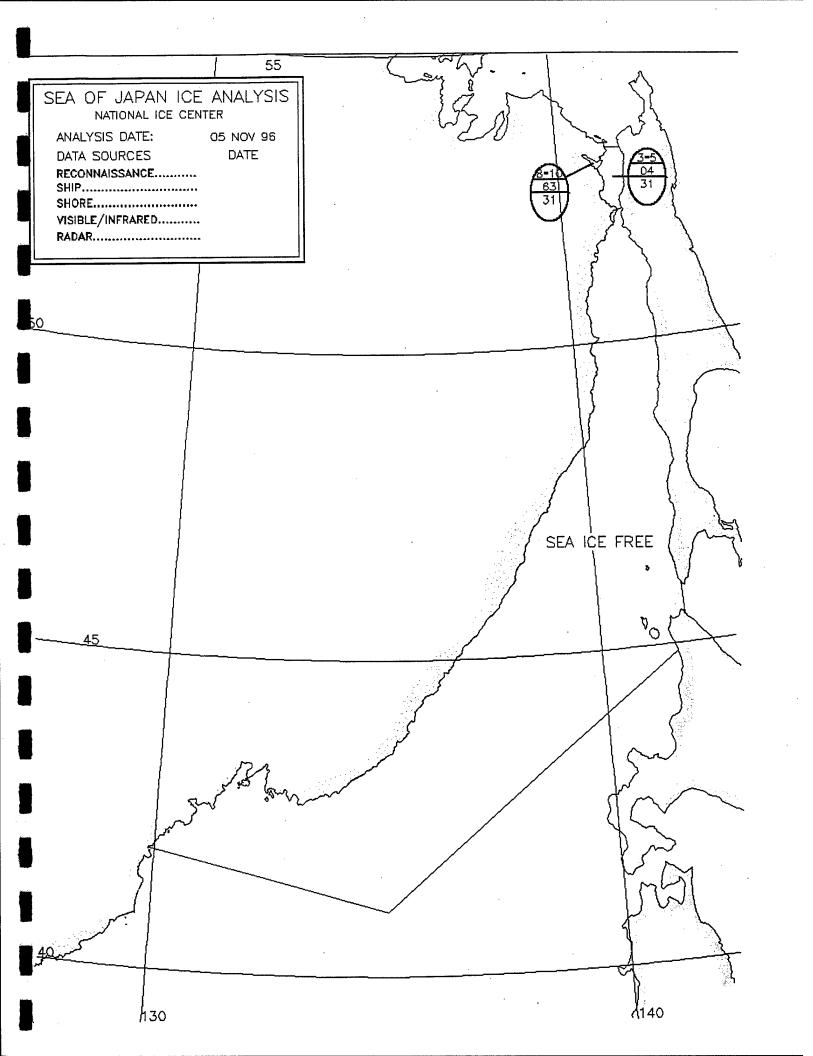


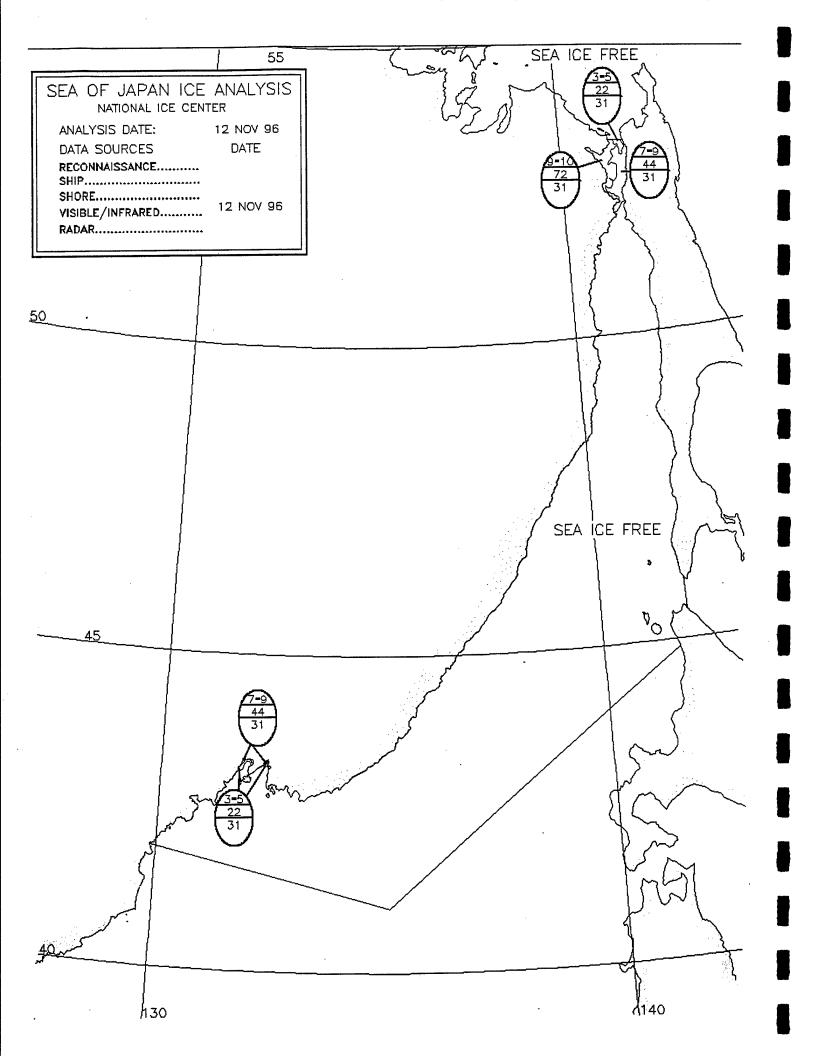


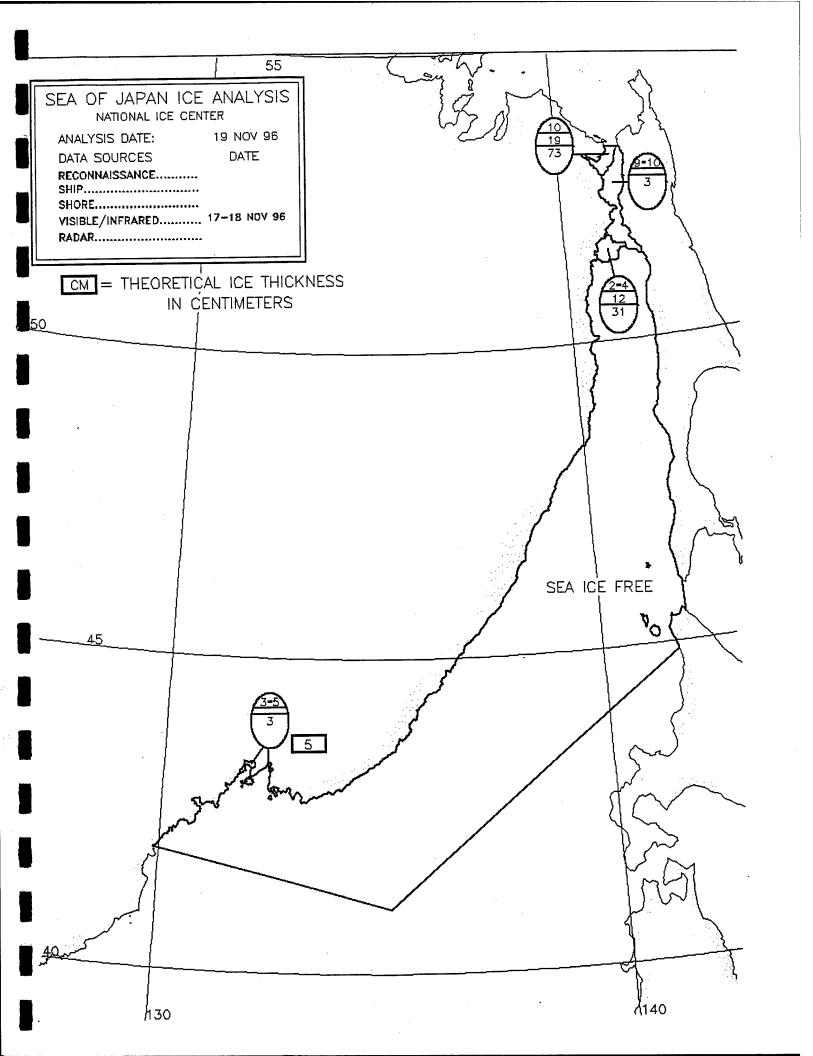


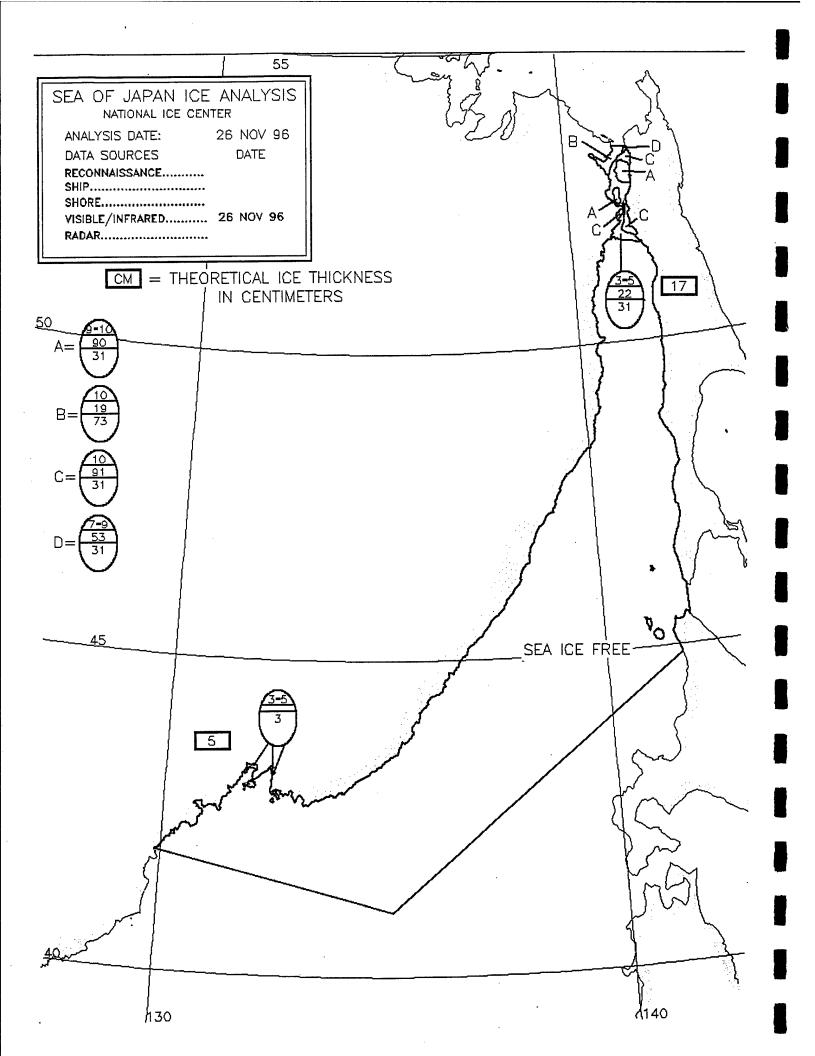


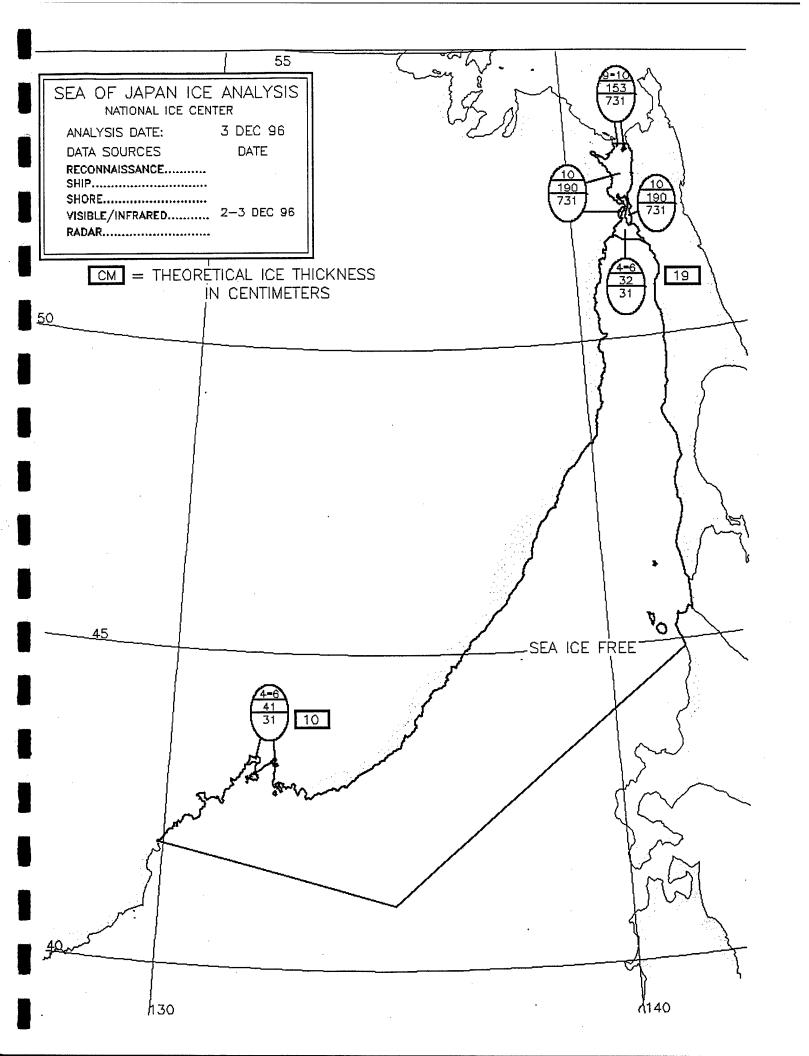


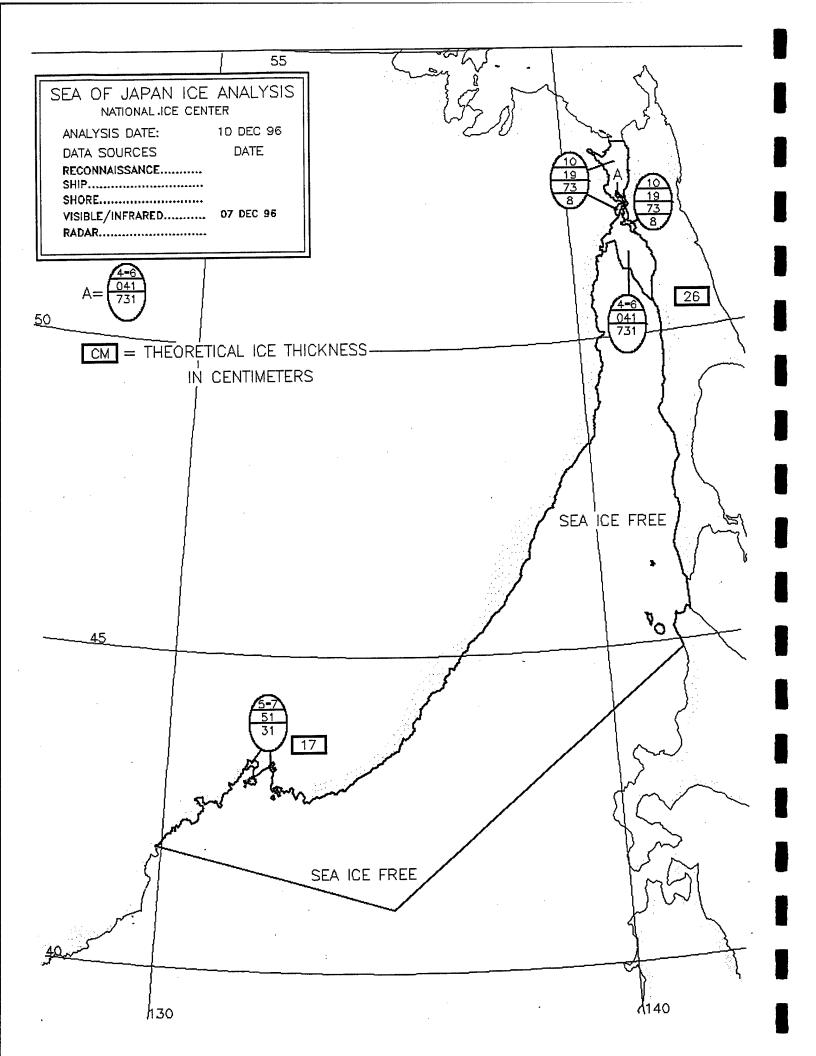


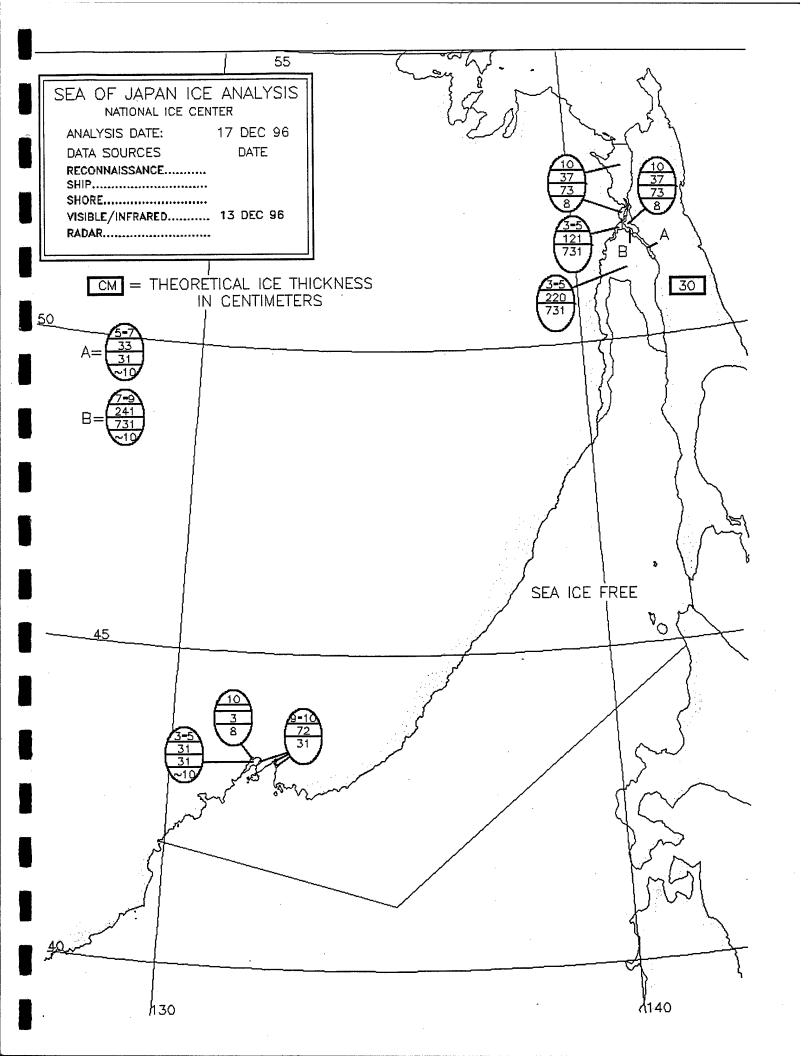


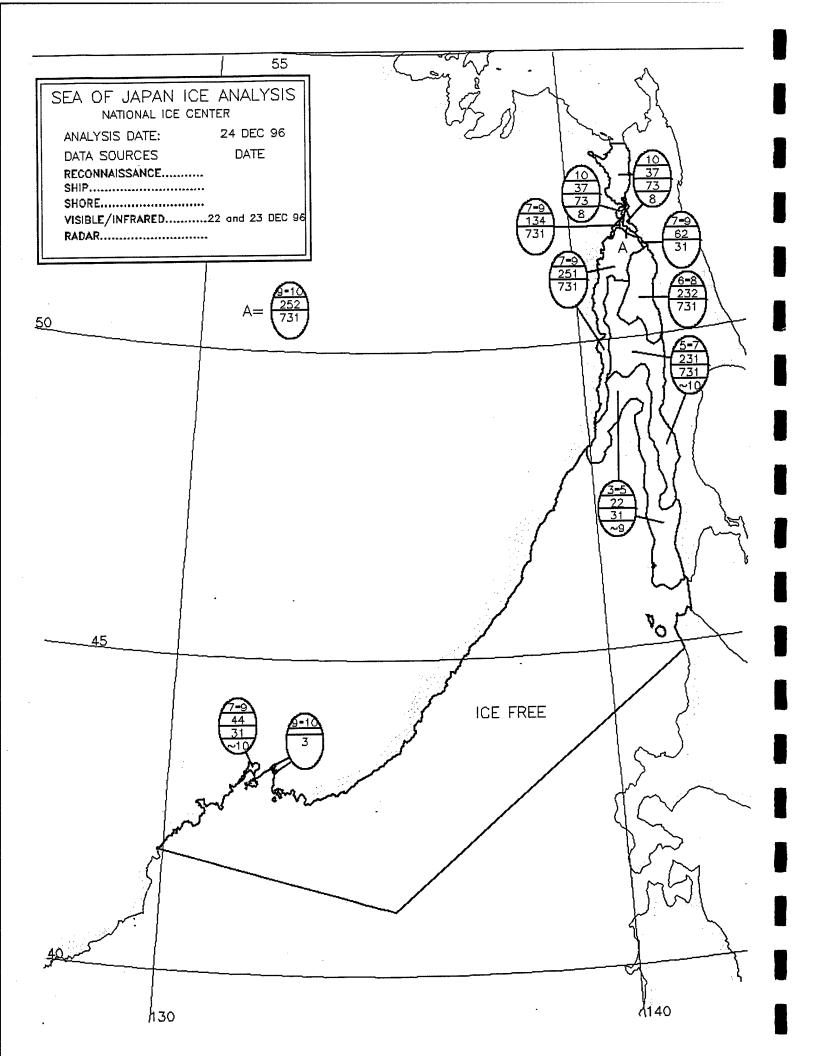


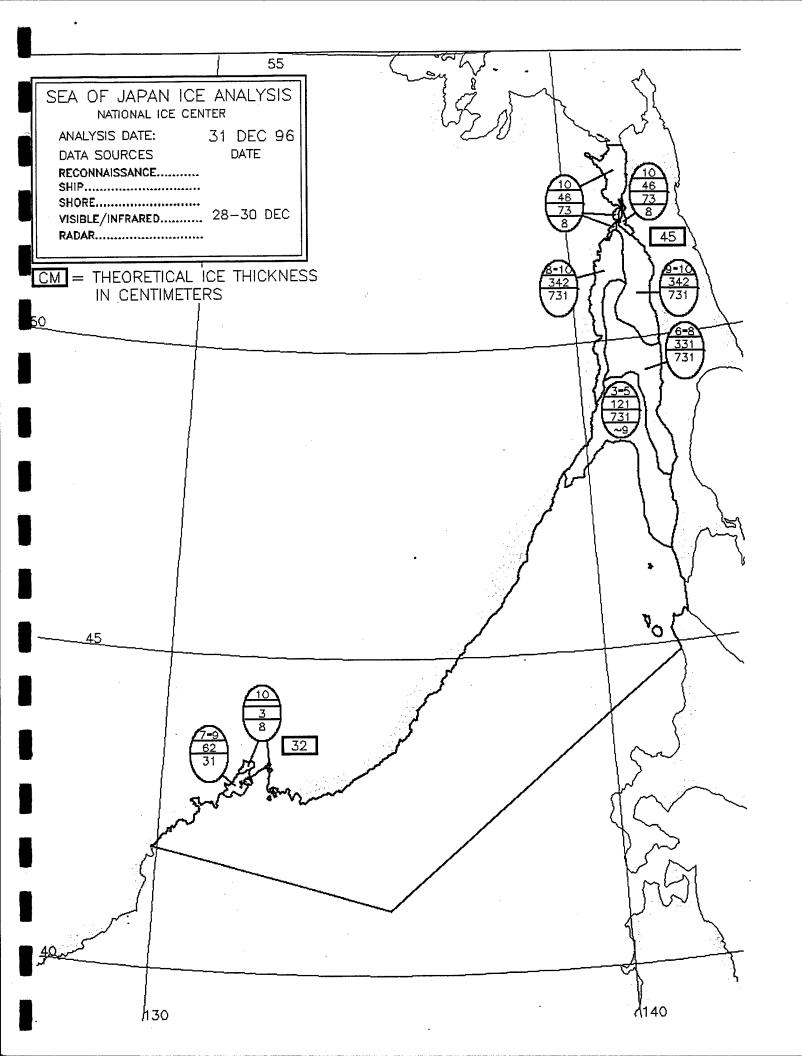












From	То	Sensor Platform	Sensor and Type	Spectral Region	Resolution	Coverage
01-96	12-96	DMSP F-10, 11, 12, 13	OLS Fine: VIS IR SSM/I	0.4 to 1.1 μm 10.2 to 12.8 μm 19.35 and 37GHz	0.55 km 25 km	3,012km 3,012km
01-96	12-96	NOAA 12, 14	AVHRR: HRPT/LAC VIS NrIR IR	0.58 to 0.68 μm 0.72 to 1.10 μm 3.55 to 3.93μm	1.1km at nadir; 2.5km at swath edge	4,000km
01-96	12-96	RADARSAT	AMI SAR	C- Band (5.3 Ghz)	100km	500km

TABLE 1. 1996 Arctic Satellite Data Sources

Abbreviations and Acronyms:

AMI- Active Microwave Sensor

AVHRR- Advanced Very High Resolution Radiometer

cm- centimeter

ERS- Earth Remote Sensing Satellite

GHz- GigaHertz

HRPT- High Resolution Picture transmission

IR-Infrared

km- kilometer

LAC- Local Area Coverage

NIR- Near Infrared

OLS-Operational Linescan System

RADARSAT- Radar Satellite

SAR- Synthetic Aperture Radar

SSM/I- Special Sensor Microwave Imager

μm- micrometer

VIS- Visible

RADARSAT- Radar Satellite

SAR- Synthetic Aperture Radar

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